

Fight over language scuppers Ian Smith memoirs



Smith: "Zimbabwe is rotten to the core"

THE long-awaited memoirs of lan Smith, Rhodesia's last Prime Minister, have been dropped by a leading publisher because he says he insisted on describing his successor in Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe, and his guerrilla army as terrorists.

Mr Smith, who is now offering the book, The Great Betrayal, to other major London publishing houses, was last night in an unrepentant mood about the colourful language and opinions in his controversial autobiography. Speaking to The Times from his

holiday home in Cape Town last night, he said: "They would rather I would talk about freedom fighters or guerrillas as opposed to terror-

ists. But they are terrorists. They are nothing else. "I list the massacres. Thousands more blacks than whites were killed. What else can you call them but terrorists? They either publish my book in my words, in my writing, or they can find another author."

The autobiography, which was to have been published by Harp-erCollins late last year, has been edited by a professor of history at the University of Natal. But the repeated references to the "terrorist" activities of Mr Mugabe, and his Zanu (PF) party which has been in power since 1980, have proved too much for the publishers

However, Mr Smith, whose illegal regime defied the world for 15 years, is confident of securing a deal

which would enable publication by the summer. "I want to have it published in London. It must be published. It is important for hist-

ory and the record." Few punches are pulled by the Second World War RAF fighter pilot, maintained last night that the struggle to sustain UDI had ruler of rebel Rhodesia whose strenghted the Rhodesian economy Unilateral Declaration of Independence from Britain in 1965 took his and left the new style Zimbabwe as country into a 14-year guerrilla war which cost 30,000 lives. Mr Smith's she "Jewel of Africa". But the real venom in the long book is reserved for the bitterness at betrayal by Britain America and finally South Africa, dominates several chapters.

awarded, book is reserved for the brokers of the peace deal which put a broker in Zimbabwe in 1980. The section on Lord Carrington, who chaired the crucial Lancaster House There are graphic accounts of, behind the scenes arguments with Harold Wilson, the then British Prime Minister, during the protracttalks, had to be carefully read by the negotiations following UDI libel tawyers. "Everybody is in the which led to inconclusive summit line of fire. Peter Carrington is to meetings aboard the British warblame. I do not favour particular

ships Tiger and Fearless. The book

makes no apologies for inflicting the

economic sanctions and war upon Rhodesia. Mr Smith, a former

people," said Mr Smith. There is one exception in the long list of politicians Mr Smith blames

for his betrayal. Baroness Thatcher.

who as Prime Minister initiated the

Lancaster House talks that led to

elections and Zimbabwe's indepen-

dence, is exonerated. "I am told by

my friends in London that Peter Carrington misled Mrs Thatcher.

In retrospect I had more in common

with Harold Wilson than I did with

the Tories. I knew where I stood

with him. I never did with the

The relative warmth with which

Mr Smith regards the late Lord

Wilson of Rievaulx is all the more

surprising since it was revealed last

year that the British Prime Minister

had ordered MI6 to overthrow the

Tories."

Rhodesian leader after attempts to persuade him to stay in the Commonwealth ended in embarrassing failure. Mr Smith dismissed the alleged coup order, saying: "That is tame stuff alongside all the other shenanigans that went on."

Mr Smith uses the book to attack his home country of Zimababwe and rails against Mr Mugabe. "The country is rotten to the core," he

There was some confusion at HarperCollins about the fate of the tome. A spokeswoman said: "We were going ahead. But we are not now. I am not clear why." A second telephone call drew a more vague response. "I am not sure if we were ever definitely going ahead. But we certainly are not now."

Uproar over test failures by 11-year-olds

By JOHN O'LEARY AND PHILIP WEBSTER

TEST results showing that more than half of all II-yearolds are not up to standard in English and mathematics provoked a storm over primary school teaching yesterday. Tony Blair branded the

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results appalling, John Major described them as disappointing, and education experts immediately used them to demand a return to more traditional teaching methods. Gillian Shephard, the Edu-

fect of four years of junior school teaching, and John Redwood called for a "value ing the tests in the first place and taunted Mr Blair over added" scale to measure children's progress through the In the Commons, the figures

sparked a fierce row over education standards, with Mr Blair blaming the results on 17

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Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school 14 miles away. If the Conservatives had failed, why had some of his frontbench colleagues taken their chilren away from Labour education authorities and had them schooled under Conservative ones, he demanded. When Mr Blair angrily rose

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to his feet again to claim that Mr Major was focusing on Ms Harman's 11-year-old son "to conceal the damage they have

retaliated with a string of

statistics to defend the Tory

record .: more GCSE passes

more A level passes and more

pupils going on to university. And he scored a direct hit on

ions", Mr M



Icy winds keep grip on Europe

BY JOANNA BALE

HEAVY snow and freezing temperatures disrupted air, rail and road traffic across Britain and northern and eastern Europe yesterday.

Temperatures dropped to 2C in eastern Britain and to -12 in parts of Europe, bringing snow, bitterly cold winds and icy roads. The London Weather Centre said last night that the wintry conditions would continue today and into next week. A spokesman said: "Over the weekend, it will slowly become a little less cold and temperatures should be above freezing in most places, but there is no sign of an end to the freezing easterly winds, and the very cold weather will

be back on Tuesday." In northern and eastern Europe, heavy snowfalls and sub-zero conditions have blighted international air and rail travel, but brought better conditions for those skling. Strong winds and spring

aros m e. and maths were not good enough.

cation Secretary, denied that

anything was seriously wrong

with junior schools, but admit-

Some 600,000 Il-year-olds took the national curriculum tests last summer, of whom 56 per cent failed to reach the required level in maths, while per cent were lagging behind in English. Science produced the only success story, with 70 per cent reach-

ing the target level. There was an improvement. however, in the performance of children aged seven and fourteen, with about 70 per cent of seven-year-olds reaching the expected standard

left with order papers fluttering like flags on a Tibetan temple ?

- Matthew Parris, page 2 class sizes, pointing out that for children up to 16 the average secondary school years of Conservative rule. These children were born class size in Islington, where Mr Blair lives, is lower than at the London Oratory - the school attended by the Labour under a Conservative Government, sent to school under a Conservative Government leader's son. and educated under a Conser-The exchanges delighted vative Government. The fail-Tory MPs, who cheered wild-

ure is not theirs but the ly, but they upset Labour MPs

Gillian Shephard, Education Secretary, denied yesterday that anything was seriously wrong with junior schools

longer she hangs on, the more ' of complacency and said the demoralising it will be for the party." he said. Away from the heat of Ouestion Time, Mrs Shephard said that the Il-year-olds who took the tests last year had been held back by an overloaded curriculum, which

results exposed a crisis in the teaching of the basics. "These results show just how far we have to go in raising stan-dards, especially in primary schools," he said. Secondary heads said the

on the accuracy of the latest tests and the Liberal Democrats' Don Foster described them as crude and simplistic. David Hart of the National Association of Headmasters said: "I don't think it would be

right to criticise primary

ve отокел cent of the road that runs around the landing bay on Lundy. The National Trust, which owns the island, estimates repair costs at £250,000.

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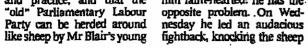
HOME NEWS RK

Blair receives education in vanity of pride

The trouble with Labour is that they start gloating before they ve won. Premature triumphalism (the medical term is exultatio praecox) is common among politicians. It is thought to arise from wanting something so much that, when it comes within reach, self-control is lost. The odious spectacle offers enemies an unguarded flank. Triumphalism cheats the triumphant of their triumph

A famous example occurred at the Sheffield rally, days before Labour were (as they believed) to win the 1992 election. There was much punching the air and arriving in helicopters. We'll be the judge of that," thought the

voters. It was only when Labour seemed on course to win that the voters resolved to knock them off it. Days before. in an excess of confidence, Shadow Chancellor John Smith had actually told them he was going to put up taxes. Premature triumphalism has surfaced again more re-cently. With "new" Labour scoring a famous victory over Clause 4, and their party surging ahead in the polls, the Blairite modernisers begin to assume that the press will feed from their hands, that the public does not wish to know about gaps between preaching and practice, and that the "old" Parliamentary Labour



wanted to work with him in

persuading all parties to hon-our the six principles on

democracy and non-violence

set out in the Mitchell report.

He said that the sole purpose

of his initiative was to get all parties around the table as a

prelude to starting all-party talks on the future of Northern

Ireland, with which decom-

missioning of terrorist weapons could run in parallel. Mr Major and Sir Patrick

Mayhew, the Northern Ire-

land Secretary, sought to calm

the dispute by emphasising

that Britain was not trying to



lads and Lassies. "Who cares," into line behind him. That reason the modernisers, afternoon Harriet Harman where we send our children carried all before her in a to school? Mind your own triumphant Commons perbusiness." Mr Blair starts formance. prefixing his answers to inter-

Ah! That word again. Did viewers with a spoken "Look" Mr Blair, offering up a prayer and an unspoken "studid". of thanks for his deliverance, Pride. Last weekend came resolve to tread a little more the fall. By Tuesday Blair was carefully for a while? Did he in serious trouble at Prime heck! By yesterday morning, as he surveyed the "Blair crushes revolt" headlines, the Minister's Ouestions. Nobody, bowever, could call him faint-hearted: he has the Labour leader became super-

confident. His fightback was now unhe would actually choose Education for his attack on the Tories. By no means was this forced

on him. The first question was from a Labour backbencher. Barry Sheerman. Thus the PM could be steered off schools (Sheerman chose the CBI) leaving Blair, when he rose, with a free choice of If Blair had asked about cancer wards and Major had turned his reply to St Olave's

school, the House would have felt demeaned, the PM wrongfooted. We would have But Blair chose schools.

stoppable. Spitting at adversi- Major could not believe his

groaned.

ty, he would turn it into an luck! All those pre-polished advance. At PM's Questions killer facts about Labour's education policy and alleged double standards could be used. Revelling in the cheers Major redoubled the attack,

more assured with every hit. This was John Major's best PM's Questions ever. Backbenchers rose to cheer. He left to a display of Order Papers fluttering like flags on a Tibet-an temple. Suddenly, the Tory vipers slither over themselves

Prince wins few allies in millennium call

Church leaders advised the Prince of Wales yesterday against pursuing a millennium crusade to build more churches and mosques. They said that with congregations

falling there were enough empty pews. What was needed was a year of spiritual renewal. Bishop Philip Pargeter, who represents the Roman Catholic Church on The National Millennium Commis-sion, said: "We are made sion, said: "We are much more concerned about looking after the needs of the poor than building a new cathedral. A spokesman for the Muslim Parliament of Great Britain said that their religion forbade them from accepting money raised by the National Lottery. The Millennium Commis-sion insisted its proposals had a spiritual element.

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Victims tested for drugs

Adults killed in road crashes will be tested for drugs from July because of fears that illegal abuse is one of the biggest single causes of serious traffic accidents. The three year programme could lead to roadside police checks for drug abuse by early next century. Andrew Howard, AA head of road safety, said: "Drivers should remember any drug could have an adverse effect on driving ability."

Police pay £90,000

Clare Roberts, 31, a trainee solicitor, and two photographers. Malcolm Glover and Paul Demuth, both 40, were awarded more than £90,000 by police after alleging assault, false imprisonment and malicions prosecution following an incident when Mr Demuth emptied a finy amnunt of cannahis from a matchbox in Soho. The Metropolitan Police depied lighting Police denied liability.

Helicopter crash verdict

An RAF helicopter crash in which three teenage air cadets died was "a completely unforescen and unanticipated event", a coroner said yesterday. Dewi Pritchard-Jones recorded verdicts of accidental death an the victims of the crash, in August 1993, after a two-day inquest at Llandudno, Gwynedd. He praised the resourcefulness of the surviving cadet. Sarah Coker. 19. The three crew also survived.

Tarantula's lottery trick

As lottery fever sweeps Britain with a record duble rollover jackpot exceeding £42.5 million expected this weekend, bizarre methods are being used to pick possible winning numbers. A lemur at London Zoo was given 49 numbered bananas to choose from, parrots have picked out numbered peanuts, and one man picked numbers by letting a tarantola crawi nn his payslip.

Youth wins apology

Magistrates. lawyers and police have apologised to a teenager whose eight-month-old conviction for trespass was quashed when it was accepted that another youth had given his name aod address. David Watson, 17, nf Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, was convicted in his absence by North Shields Youth Court and fined £40 for trespassing on the Metro line. Police have promised an inquiry.

Jet took wrong path

A British Airways jumbo jet tried to land at an RAF base after mistaking it for an international airport three miles away, it emerged yesterday. The empty Boeing 747 was on a light from Heathrow to BA's maintenance depot at Cardiff but took an incorrect path towards RAF St Athan. The incident came to light when the Air Accident Investigation Board confirmed that it had begun an inquiry.

Russian deal takes root

Gardeners will soon be able to buy seeds by mail order

Major moves to assure Bruton over assembly

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, NICHOLAS WATT AND MICHAEL BINYON

Dublin was furious that Mr

consultation, appeared to be

Sinn Fein's participation in

full political talks. The source

accused him of damaging the

On BBC Radio, Mr Bruton'

complained that he had been told only in general terms about Mr Major's initiative.

"We cannot have any unilater-

al decision on a matter of this

But Downing Street denied that Mr Major had tried to

peace process.

nature," he said.

JOHN MAJOR took action ters, the unity of purpose that had driven the peace process yesterday to heal a serious rift in Anglo-Irish relations was under threat. caused by his backing for an elected body in Northern Major, without the customary Ireland. erecting a new precondition to

The Prime Minister wrote to John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, assuring him that he was not seeking to revive a Stormont-style assembly in which Unionists always had the whiphand.

The letter followed a warning from Mr Bruton against taking "unilateral action" and a claim by his deputy. Dick Spring, that Mr Major was going down a cul de sac. A senior Irish official accused Britain of throwing the Mitchell report "into the bin".

According to a ministerial source in Dublin, Mr Bruton had less than an hour's notice of Mr Major's challenge to Sinn Fein and the IRA on Wednesday to disarm or take part in elections. After two years of close co-operation between the two prime minis-

LABOUR leaders yesterday

distanced themselves from

John Major's call for an

elected body in Northern Ire-

In remarks that raised a

m Ireland

question mark over the Opposition's staunchly bipartisan approach, Marjorie Mowlam,

land (Nicholas Wood writes).

impose a solution on the conflicting parties in Northern Ireland. They pointed to two roads to peace - agreement "bounce" Mr Bruton into supporting an elected body. Officials said that talk of a rift was "overblown" and that Mr Major had set out the main points of his Commons statement in a 35-minute telephone conversation with the Irish leader the night before.

lack of confidence".

ahead.

In his letter yesterday, Mr Major told Mr Bruton that he

Labour highlights run in parallel. nationalist fears

report's recommendation that political parties in Northern land Secretary, that the announcement had generated a Ireland should renounce vio-"worrying air of distrust and a lence would bolster the peace process. Sources said that

She asked him to allay those fears by making clear that movement towards such a body would go ahead only with the agreement of all make it difficult to sell the Mitchell report to Sinn Fein after John Hume, leader of the mainly nationalist SDLP, held a private meeting with Tony Blair to press his point that the because the party could rightly claim that it was worthless. Mitchell report was the way

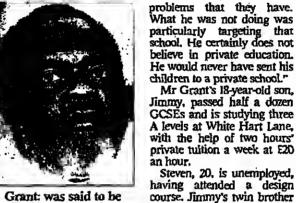
upset at MP's criticism by Sinn Fein that the IRA would scrap some of its weapons before all-party talks, or early elections to a body that would supply the negotiators for all-party talks without prior decommissioning. They denied that Britain had reject-ed the Mitchell report, which has proposed a compromise formula in which all-party talks and decommissioning

Dublin was angry because it believed that the Mitchell ised for suggesting the school had failed his three sons. Mr Grant's north London constitutency, has the ninth worst academic record in the country, with 37 per cent of 16although the Mitchell recomyear-olds failing to obtain a

mendations presented a challsingle GCSE last year. enge to Sinn Fein, the party Mr Grant is said to have might eventually accept them. told a parliamentary party meeting on Wednesday morn-Mr Major's plans for an

BY STAFF REPORTERS CRITICISM of his children's inner city comprehensive edu-cation by the Labour MP Bernie Grant drew an angry reaction from teachers at their school yesterday. Lionel Warne, head teacher, said the Tottenham MP had apolog-White Hart Lane School, in

ner and spokeswoman, yesterday denied reports that he had



"talking generally"

Alex is studying catering at Southgate College, Mr Warne, 53, head teacher for 13 years, said the 83 staff considered sending the boys to private school. "He's never members sent him a letter of est

Lionel Warne, head teacher of White Hart Lane, outside the school yesterday Grant children's school

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Secretary, highlighted nation-alist fears that the body might herald a return to the days of unionist domination. In the Commons she told Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ire-

his children to a local school. He criticised the standards of education in his constituency and across London, claiming it was a "disgrace." Leading article, page 17 Sharon Lawrence, his part-

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Continued from page I religious faith. The judgment, published by the court, states

that Mr David, who belongs

involved the children in politics and he's certainly not going to now," she said. "He was talking generally about inner city comprehen-

Business

backing

for Blair

vision

BY JULL SHERMAN

THE Confederation of British

Industry and two of Britain's

biggest companies have given

their backing to Labour's idea of a "stakeholder" economy.

Adair Turner, CBI director

general, said vesterday it was vital to ensure that a return to

rising real incomes did not

lead to a pay-price spiral. Rewards had to be linked to

productivity and performance.

ment of the blindingly obvious

or some kind of mythical

Utopia. But we must develop a

framework giving employees opportunities, prospects and

participation in the economy's

success; dare I say, a stake-

holding," Mr Turner said. Sir Michael Perry, chair-

man of Unilever, says the

group has developed the practice of giving employees hav-

ing a stake in their companies

over many years. In an article in The Times today. Sir Michael says he has no intention of

"wandering far into the preelection minefield of contro-versial social idea" but he

points out that "stakeholding" had a well-defined meaning in

Martin Taylor, chief execu-

tive of Barclays plc, welcomed

Mr Blair's recognition of the

importance of shareholding.

Unions' welcome, page 26

business theory.

"It may sound like a state-

sives and some of the serious

meeting at the school. "I think they are hurt and I think they are quite angry. They do not understand why he should have attacked us or them, or the school."

Botanic Gardens through a deal struck with a British gardening club. The National Plant Club, based in Taunton, Somerset, said the collection, founded in 1714 by Peter the Great, would provide seeds of rare plants oever before seen in the West.

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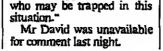


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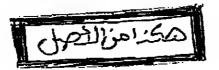
to a Sephardi synagogue in **Going Places** northwest London, was summoned to the federation three times at his former wife's request. He refused. After the final summons in March 1995 he was given a **ALL ABOARD!** warning that if he persisted in his refusal to comply with the courts, he would be formally placed in contempt, or nidui. Mrs David was authorised to **12.5% OFF CRUISES** publicise the punishment and seek the assistance of the civil courts. Mrs David, a buyer for a **TROYAL** medical equipment company, said: "As far as I am concerned my divorce in the civil WITH (courts means nothing to me. 1 Cruise Holidays was married through a religious ceremony and the only ay I can get out is through my religion." The case is highlighted in the Jewish Chronicle today. Dayan Berel Berkovits, of ππππππη the Federation, said that ostracism is the equivalent to contempt in a civil court. He said: "We have no means of enforcing this but religious Jews would tend to respect it. It is a very unusual step to take. It will go on until he purges his contempt." Last year, Jewish women chained themselves to the offices of the Chief Rabbi as a orotest against being trapped in marriages that the civil SHOPS OPEN 11AM. 4PM THIS SUNDAY divorce courts have already declared are over. @ Call into any Going Places shop, 0541 556666 Dr Julian Shindler, director over 700 nationwide or call of marriage authorisation in the Chief Rabbi's office, said: P Up to 30% additional discount available

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The Chief Rabbi feels very Mr Taylor emphasised that a strongly there are certain sitularge proportion of the bank's ations we cannot do very employees already had a stake much about. At the very least in the company. "I think the we can show, at the communal interesting thing about what level, our support for a woman Blair is saying is that he is accepting the enormous importance of shareholders."



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ALLIANCE LEICESTER

Tip-off foiled £30,000 demand **Ex-officer** jailed for seeking bribe to 'nobble' jury

By CAROL MIDGLEY

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A FORMER police sergeant with an exemplary career record was jailed for seven years yesterday for seeking a E30.000 bribe to help to nobble an Old Bailey jury. John Young, 45, was found

guilty of attempting to pervert the course of justice after obtaining the home addresses of jurors in an attempt to influence the outcome of an armed robbery trial. He had denied the charge. Young, who was twice shot on duty and awarded the Queen's Gallantry medal while serving with the Metropolitan Police, showed no emotion as Judge Butler told him: "Conduct of this kind strikes at the very root of our criminal justice system. Alan Rawley. QC, defend-

ing Young at Southwark Crown Court. said: "This is a ghastly and inglorious end to what had been certainly a distinguished and brave career and it is a matter of appalling record to see a man brought down like this."

Joanna Korner, QC, for the prosecution, said that Young, who had left the force two years ago to become a private detective, had spotted the potential to make money while helping to protect jurors trying a kidnapping, robbery and firearms case last year. He was part of a team of police and private security officers giving 24-hour protection during the Il-week hearing. The case cost taxpayers an estimated £1.65 million. It involved



Young: made bribery offer to robber's sister

four members of a gang nicknamed "The Profession-als", including Wayne Black. 27, who escaped from a prison van during the trial in June last year. He was jailed for 20 years after his recapture. His three co-defendants were jailed for between 12 and 18 years. The trial concerned a

£200,000 jewellery raid and the planned robbery of a computer shop. The gang intended to strap a homemade bomb around the body of a shop manager but were arrested as they tried to kidnap her at her home. Ms Korner said: "Regretta-

bly the [jury protection] ar-rangements had the very opposite effect, because it enabled a corrupt police officer to obtain names and addresses of jurors and pass them on to someone who might have

an interest in influencing the

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She said that Young, of New Barn, Kent, approached the sister of one of the defendants, James Lawson, and offered to supply information for payment amounting to £30,000. He told Amanda Lawson that he could secure favourable verdicts.

He told her how the jury system worked and gave her the address of one of the jurors. Miss Lawson told her ister-in-law and her brother's solicitor what had happened

before telling the police. An officer calling himself Billy pretended to be a member of the Lawson family and spoke to Young on the telephone. A meeting between the two, at which a £25.000 payment was agreed, was secretly videotaped by other police officers.

A further meeting was arranged the next day outside a pub in Woolwich, southeast London, run by Young's codefendant, Peter Ferrigno, 52. Young introduced Ferrigno, who handed over a sealed envelope containing the addresses of four more jurors. Ferrigno was cleared after telling the court that, although he believed something suspi-cious was going on, he did not know what was in the envelope.

Mr Rawley said that Young had been commended three times during the 1970s and was awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal in 1974 after he continued to chase a gunman who had shot him in the leg.

Old soldier

takes leaf

from tree

protests

BY ADRIAN LEE



Alfred Forte in Forte's of Berwick-upon-Tweed: a far cry from his second cousin's takeover battle with Granada

Café is northern outpost of family business that stays forever Forte

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THERE is one part of the Forte family empire that Granada failed to acquire in this week's £3.8 billion takeover. It is a small ice cream parlour and cafe tucked away in England's most northerly town. Forte's, of Berwick-upon-Tweed in Northumberland, is owned by Sir Rocco's second cousin Albert, who yesterday said his 56-seat emporium was definitely not for sale, "I certainly don't think Granada have any plans to take us over, and with my son Remo running the husiness, the name is set to go on for quite a while." sell cornets to tourists. His chips-and-ice-cream es-

tablishment is a far cry from the eatering and hotel chain the other hranch of his family built up over 60 years. He said: "Sometimes people think we are part of the same group, hut when they see the shop they realise we aren't." Forte's was opened in 1921 by his father Carlo, 14 years before Sir Rocco's father stay. Charles started his empire with a milk bar in Regent Street, London. Their husinesses took spectacularly differrent courses. While Charles and Sir Rocco went on to own grandiose hotels such as the Savoy and Le Meridien in Paris. Carlo was content to

"But all the interest in the Alfred, 68, who lives with takcover has certainly got the

his wife Heather in a flat above the café, still relies on the summer visitors to swell his earnings. "I have never had any aspirations to he a big businessman." he said. "I have a comfortable living and that's good enough for me. It's a small family concern and that's the way it will

He watched the boardroom battle from a distance. "It was interesting and I'm sorry Sir Rocco lost. I didn't have any shares, I was too poor to buy any. Selling ice cream in Berwick at this time of year is not the easiest way of making think." a living.

family name in the paper and it's cheaper than buying advertising. Ours is such a small business compared to what Charles built up. I'd he sorry to see the Forte name gn from the hotels, it helps us because people dn make the connection."

The different branches of the family, which came originally from Italy, via Scotland, were once much closer. "The Fortes originally came from a village called Mortale, near Casino, It is now called Mon Forte, which is an honour. but more of a reflection uf Charles's activities than ours,

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HOME NEWS 3

Jury finds Nigerian was killed unlawfully

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

A NIGERIAN asylum seeker whn died after a struggle with police as he was arrested was unlawfully killed, an inquest jury decided yesterday. Evidence given at the in-quest into the death of Discussive backster to be

Oluwashijibomi Lapite is to be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service, which will reconsider whether charges can be hrought against any police officer involved in the case. His widow, Olamidc. the

mother of two children, aged one and three, is planning a civil action for damages against the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Lapite, 34, a painter and decorator, died from asphyxia and cocaine intoxication after being put in a neck hold by police arresting him outside a cluh in Stoke Newington. northeast London. in Decemiber 1994. The pressure crushed Mr Lapite's voice box. The jury's verdici, after a lour-day hearing, was greeted with cheers from the public gallery at St Pancras Chro-ner's Court. Mrs Lapite, of Homertnn, cast London, said: "I heard how the officers heat and killed him and I am relieved my children are going to grow up knowing their father was unlawfully killed."

Earlier Dr Stephen Chan, the coroner, urged police forces in England and Wales to ban using neck holds to restrain suspects

PC Paul Wright had told the inquest that he and his col-league, PC Andrew McCallum, had feared for their lives as they struggled with Mr Lapite. However, the jury was told that Mr Lapite had 35 to 45 injuries on his body while the policemen were almost unscathed.

Waiter's father and imam accused over 'bride' of 13

BY BILL FROST

THE father of an unemployed "no intention of leaving". The A FORMER sapper look a lawyer said: "She o was c



yesterday with aiding him in the statutory rape of a 13-yearuld British girl.

The imam who "married" Sarah Cooke and Musa Komeagac, 18. was also charged, with performing an illegal marriage. The girl, who became besot-

ted with the Turkish leenager on a family holiday, may be staying in his isolated village for another month following the adjournment of the court case against him last night. A judge told Komeagac that he must remain in jail until a special hearing on February 5. Miss Cooke and her mother, from Braintree, Essex, had

basement flat occupied by the Komeagac family in the town been due to give evidence. On Wednesday, after an application to the High Court by Essex Social Services, Miss Cooke was made a ward of court and ordered back to Britain "forthwith". Mrs Jackie Cooke, 37, flew to Turkey that day and publicly pleaded with her to return.

Yesterday the girl appeared willing to come home after writing a letter to her "husband" begging him to forget her because she was "being forced back to Britain". Later. according to Selim Sumen, Komeagac's lawyer, she had

want to go back to Eogland. anti-road protesters yesterday She loves Musa very much." when he sat in the branches of a neighbour's beech tree in an "I am arranging for them to meet in the prison over the next couple of days. She is attempt to prevent it being felled. The incident began shortly looking forward to seeing him. before tree surgeons arrived in Hales, Norfolk, locut down He is very upset because he is

away from her, but he is being well treated in prison. Everymost of the 140-year-old tree. Philip Thirtle, 77, who served one knows the story now. He has a lot of sympathy. The in Burma, used a ladder to reach the lower branches. His adjournment will give everyprotest seemed to have ended one a chance to study the implications. Sarah and her when he climbed down for a mother can have time to talk tea break and two constables about her future. Sarah must removed his ladder. make up her own mind. All

However, Mr Thirtle waited until the officers had anyone wants is what is best." left and resumed his protest 10ft above the ground. "The The girl and her mother spent part of the day at the tree was there long before the neighbours built their bungalow four years ago." he said. "As far as I am concerned it is healthy with many years of life left.

Norfolk police were called again and Mr Thirde gave up his perch when he was threatened with arrest for breach of

Alan Wones, 25, Mr Thirtle's neighbour, said: "We got advice that the tree is dangerous and had to come down. We do not want it falling down on our bungalow or conservatory."

of Kahranmanmaras, close to Turkey's south eastern border with Syria. After meeting Mr Sumen they were invited to the office of Ali Sezal, the mayor. He said: "I am proud that a British girl has chosen to live in our province and adopt our Islamic way of life. I will do the peace. everything I can to help them." He said he looked forward to performing a civil marriage ceremony with the couple, and he offered to provide them with a flat in which to start

after relationship ended

married life.

 injuries when he "dived" under the wheels of a dustcart four days after his girlfrieod ended their relationship, an inquest heard yesterday.

juries when he was hit by the lorry outside Christ Church, Oxford, and was dragged 40 yards along the road. Eleanor Blair saw him lying crushed beneath the wheels as she was

walking to a lecture. He died three hours later in hospital. Miss Blair. 20, a mathematics undergraduate, told the inquest that Mr Hyde, 19, a chemistry student, had gone to

see her on the morning of November 9, four days after the couple had split up. The relationship had begun to faller at the beginning of their second year at Hertford Coll-ege. She said: "I think he realised I did not feel the same way as I used to, but he did not really want to end it."

She said that on November 5 she had tolo him she wanted

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Eleanor Blair saw Ian Hyde dying in the street

to part and he appeared to accept that. She added: "He later began to question what had been happening. On Nov-ember 9 he came to my room. I was sitting on the bed having just finished writing a letter.

John Clarke, the driver of

the dustcart, described how he had seen Mr Hyde. He said: "I got the impression that he was staring at me. As I drew level, I smiled at him. He took his eyes off me, looked at the wheel and aimed his head at it and dived. I felt a bump and felt him underneath as I was coming to a stop." A post mortem examina-

rion, carried out at the John Radeliffe Hospital, disclosed that Mr Hyde, of Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester, whose father had died in a road accident in 1994. had

suffered multiple injuries and had died from head injuries. Mr Hyde's tutor, Dr Christopher Schofield, said he had been a good student with "no significant problems".

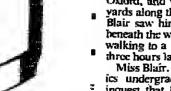
Recording an open verdict. Nicholas Gardiner, an Oxfordshire coroner, said Mr Hyde could have tripped and failen into the path of the lorry: "It appears to me he was in a distraught state of mind. In this case I do not feel it would be proper to record a verdict that he took his own life."

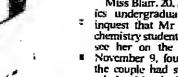


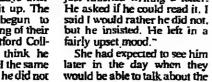


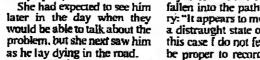
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A STUDENT suffered fatal Ian Hyde received head in-









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HOME NEWS

Genetic crops 'put country at risk'

BY NICK NUTTALL

STRICT controls to protect the countryside from genetically engineered crops were neged yester-day by a government adviser. Experts fear that crops hred to have novel properties, such as a long shelf-life, may cross-breed with wild plants with highly damaging effects. Sir Crispin Tickell, chairman of the Panel on Sustainable Development and a former Ambassador to the United Nations, said: "We are playing not just with fire but with dynamite when you into the field of get into the biotechnology."

Speaking yesterday at the launch of the panel's second report, he said that there were many examples of scientific developments which had produced unforescen environmental or health damage, includ-ing asbestos and CFCs.

The panel, set op by John Major after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, said principles oo the release of gene-altered organisms should be drawn up with repre-sentatives from industry, science aod medicine, charities and environmental and consumer groups.

MPs prepare to extend wildlife protection Farmers call for right to cull badgers in TB areas

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS say they are being plagued by a rise in the badger population brought about by over-zealous concern for the animal's welfare. As MPs debate new legislation today that will extend the protection given to wild animals, farmers are calling for the right to resume the culling of badgers on their property. For centuries the creature that supplied the gentle and fatherly companion of Ratty and Mole in Kenneth Gra-hame's Wind in the Willows was among the most persecut-ed of Britain's wild animals. Thousands were killed to make shaving brushes. Now Old Brock is one of the

most rigorously protected of animals. After being persecuted almost to extinction by landowners and gamekeepers in the 19th century, the badger population recovered steadily after the First World War as gamekeeping declined, but the animals were still seen to be under threat from culling by farmers and hy the barbarous

sport" of badger digging. The 1973 Badgers Act, prohibiting the killing or injuring of the animals, was designed to stop the persecution but was felt to be ineffective because it did not protect badgers' setts, This was remedied in a

Act in 1991. The National Farmers' Union says badger numbers are now "unnaturalhigh, particularly in the uth West, and blames the South animals for spreading disease to cattle, destroying crops and undermining pasture land. A recent editorial in Country Life suggested the law should be relaxed to allow measures to be taken to reduce populations in areas where the badger has become a pest. The main complaint of farmers is that the animals are

spreading TB to cattle. About third of the estimated 250,000 badgers in Britain live in the South West, which also

has the highest incidence of TB in both cattle and badgers. Hugh Oliver-Bellasis, a Hampshire farmer who chairs an NFU working party monitoring the badger prob-lem, said: "We are convinced that badgers are implicated in the spread of TB, which costs farmers about £4 million a year."

Scientists, however, have little sympathy for the farm-ers' case. Stephen Harris, professor of environmental sciences at Bristol University and a leading authority on badgers, said: "There is as yet no evidence of a sharp rise in badger numbers. We are carrying out a new census, but



Meale: condemned horrendous acts

even if this reveals an increase it may only show how badly persecuted they were before. In any case there is no evidence that culling badger, would reduce TB in cattle."

The farmers' call comes as MPs appear likely to give overwhelming support today to a private member's Bill that would put wild animals on the same legal footing as pets and other domesticated or captive creatures. The Wild Mammals (Protection) Bill, which receives its second reading today, provides that any-one who "mutilates, kicks, beats, nails or otherwise impales, stabs, burns, stones, crushes, drowns, drags or

asphyriates any wild mam-mal with intent to inflict unnecessary suffering" shall be guilty of an offence punish-able by up to six months in Alan Meale, the Labour MP

who is sponsoring the Bill, said: "Nobody can believe it is right that people who commit the horrendous acts regularly witnessed by RSPCA inspectors, such as hedgehogs being kicked to death, hares impaled on spikes or foxes decapitated for fun, should escape prosecution." An earlier version of the Bill

last year was killed in the House of Lords by supporters of fox-hunting who raised so of parliamentary time. How-ever, the latest Bill is being backed by the British Field Sports Society.

A list of exemptions makes clear that fox-hunting, deerhunting, hare-coursing and falconry will still be lawful, and that farmers will be allowed to continue shooting and trapping foxes, rabbits and other animals recognised as pests. Robin Hanbury-Tenison, chief executive of the society, said the Bill was a great step forward. "The society has always been prepared to support sensible animal welfare measures."

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Badger and Mole in Wind in the Willows, written in 1908. The 19th century saw badgers persecuted almost to extinction by landowners and gamekeepers



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Promoters bank on Millennium Fund for cash to create Cornish equivalent of 'The Lost World'

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Hothouse plan will transform clay pit into modern Eden

BY MARCUS BINNE

A CORNISH valley is to be turned into a world of rainforests, tropical gardens and desert in an ambitious plan involving four giant hot-houses, each with its own climate. The 65m high bio spheres will run along a kilometre of old clay workings at Bodelva, near St Austell,

The £105 million Eder Project was unveiled last night at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London. The promoters, who will be bidding for money from the Millennium Fund, describe the project as Britain's equivalent to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World and hope it will be a huge draw for both tourists and horticulturalists.

The clay workings at Bodelva are nearly worked out and are invisible from the surrounding couotryside. They are deep enough for the planned hothouses not to rise above the rim of the crater. The Eden Project is the

brainchild of Jonathan Ball and Tim Smit, pioneers of an ambitious garden restoration at Heligan, near Mevagissey, which last year attracted 200,000 visitors and was voted garden of the year. Mr Smit said: "These will be the largest hothouses on Earth. You could fit Truro Cathedral in 14 imes.

The snaking structure, looking from above like a python digesting four large meals. has been designed by the architect Nicholas Grimshaw and the engineer Anthony Hunt, who were together responsible for the award-winning Eurostar terminus at Waterloo station.

Mr Hunt said: This is every engineer's dream. It's a colossus, with a maximum span of 120 metres. That's three times Waterloo and half again as broad as St Pancras.



65 metres, high enough for rainforest trees to grow to their full 50 metres and leave 15 metres clearance.

"We will span the gorges with a series of lightweight, bow-string steel trusses, but instead of glass we will use transparent foil, creating a series of inflated pillows." Each "biode" will contain a

complete habitat rather than a simple collection of plant species. The four main climatic zones will be Mediterranean. desert, tropical and subtropical.

Nicholas Cole, the landscape architect, said: "The clay pit has granite outcrops, sheer cliff faces, crevices, ledges and scree, giving the impression of primordial forces at work. It is also remarkably clean and not blighted by tipping. Once visitors embark on the journey through the biodes, the whole site will never be in view and there will be a constant sense of surprise."

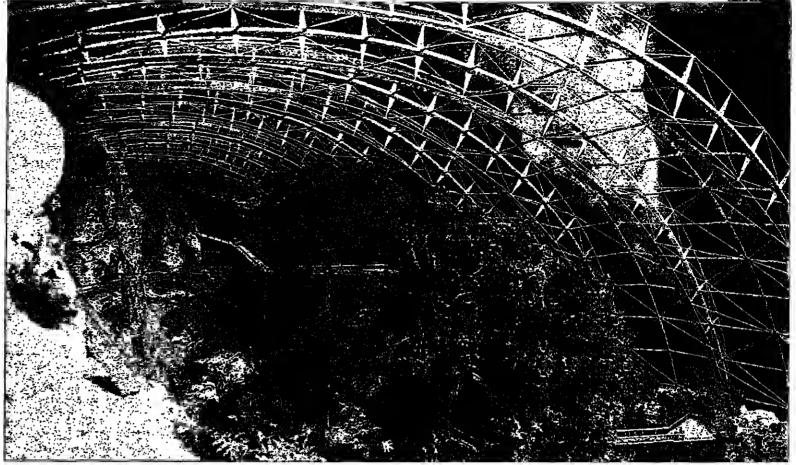
The topography of the site is considered ideal for multilevel planting, ensuring the whole pit can be green from the start. "We also hope to import large palms and exotic specimens outgrowing hothouses in places such as Kew," Mr Cole said.

The project differs sharoly from Biosphere 2 in Arizona, a capsule sealed off from the outside air in which scientists attempt to create a sustainable environment as a prototype The maximum height will be for establishing life in space.

The Eden Project is purely for plants and the study of the role of raw plants in medicine. "By virtue of the size of our hothouses, we can study not just individual plants but populations growing to maturity." Mr Smit said.

The project is wholly dependant on the Millennium Commission approving it as one of a dozen grand projects that will each receive up to £50 mil-lion. As one of few such projects outside London, it has a higher chance of success. The Government Office for the South West is supporting an application to the European Regional Development Fund for 25 per cent of the costs. If the bid is successful, the

promoters will open the project in 2000. Mr Hunt said: open the The crystal palace itself will take about 18 months to build, not quite as fast as the origi nal, but fast enough."



Nicholas Grimshaw, the architect, with a model of the project, which will stand 65m high, span up to 120m and cover a kilometre in length

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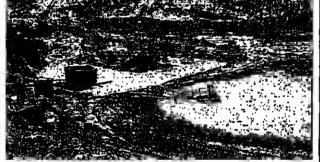
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The Eden Project will be built in worked-out clay pits

Scientists call for ban on diseased alders

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ing for a ban on the planting of alder saplings to halt the spread of a disease that is killing thousands of the trees. The alder helps to stabilise river banks, and Forestry Commission researchers fear that if the disease spreads further banks could collapse and large areas be at greater risk of flooding. A halt to planting would allow scientists to identify foreign species that might be immine to the fungal disease The disease came to light in

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____ 1.00 FORESTRY scientists are call- 1993 in Kent. Dying alders were discovered in several sites, with small sparse leaves and black tar-like marks on the bark. Recent surveys show the infection has spread across southern England, the Midlands, Wales, Northern Ireland and into Yorkshire. In some areas, such as around the River Lugg in Herefordshire, up to half the alders are diseased. The far north of England, and Scotland, appear to be free from infection, but there are concerns that the disease could spread.





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EDUCATION

Teachers misjudge pupils' ability

Girls outshine boys at all three levels in maths and English

REPORTS BY DAVID CHARTER. EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GIRLS outshone boys in English and mathematics in tests at seven. 11 and 14, the first full set of results disclosed yesterday. Boys did slightly better in science but they showed worryingly low levels of achievement in English and mathematics from the age of seven onwards.

A marginal improvement was recorded over 1994 by seven-year-old boys in English, but mathematics grades deteriorated by 3 per cent. Boys fared worse in reading. spelling and handwriting three of the four English disciplines.

Results from the first compulsory testing of 11-year-olds showed that only 43 per cent reached the standard expected of them in English. compared with 70.5 per cent for sevenyears-olds. For 14-year-olds the figure rose just two points to 45 per cent.

A similar analysis of mathematics results shows 77 per cent of seven-year-old boys reaching the target for their age (national curriculum leve) two or abovel, compared with 44 per cent aged 11 and 57 per cent at 14.

Girls did considerably better at English at all ages, but their marks were slightly down on 1994 in every section of the tests. In English and mathematics at seven, girls did marginally worse, with 78 per cent and 81 per cent

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McAvoy: criticised external marking

respectively getting average marks or above, compared to 80 and 84 per cent last ome. The figures published yesterday also include teachers' own assessment of pupils' progress alongside test results. Teachers generally judged their pupils to be performing better than the results suggested, apart from in science. In English and maths, teachers judged that more than half of il-year-olds matched Government expectations (56 and 54 per cent respectively). This was significantly higher than test results showed (48 and 44 per cent). Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union

of Teachers, highlighted the

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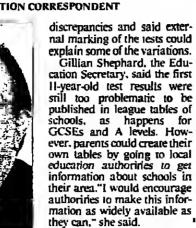
11 YEARS

English Maths Science

age reaching expected level for age group

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compile tables, but there has



Ministers had assured teachers that yesterday's results would not be used to

been a concerted campaign among Conservatives to use the tests to extend the information revolution to primary schools. Mrs Shephard said that parents would receive their children's results and those of their school. She was waiting until the tests had "bedded down" before embarking on national league tables, and she would not commit herself to publication next year. Critics have accused her of delaying to avoid a confrontation with the unions, but she insisted the explanation lay in logistical problems.

Mrs Shephard said an improvement in results for seven and 14-year-olds showed how tests raised standards. The tests for II-year-olds were being taken for the first ome. and the children had suffered the effects of a previously overloaded curriculum. which had now been revised, she said. "If you have had a problem

at one age range in applying the old curriculum, you are bound to have an impact on what is being done in our schools and on results. That has been put right," she said. Measures included a project for 20 centres to improve literacy and numeracy teaching.

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TESTS AT SEVEN

English: spelling continued Science: there were no tests in to be the weakest of the four science bui performance was tested areas, with 66 per cent assessed by leachers. who matching or exceeding exsaid 84 per cent of children pectations for their age comreached or beat the targets set pared with 78 per cent for for reading, 80 per cent for group. There were only small writing and 78 per cent for differences between the abilihandwritiog. Girls perties of boys and girls, with 14 per cent of female pupils formed better in all areas. most notably in spelling. reaching the average level of where 40 per cent of boys a nine-year-old against 15 per cent of the boys. The were already a year or more behind compared with 29 per cent of girls. Four oot of teachers assessed the seventen girls were said to be reading at level three, the standard of an average nineyear-old. and freezing.

TESTS AT ELEVEN

English: half of the children who took Eoglish tests were below the standard expected of their age. Girls outshone the boys, with 56 per cent at or above the average com-pared with 42 per cent of boys. Pupils were tested on reading, writing, spelling and handwriting. Seven per cent were as good as the typical l4-year-old, but 8 per cent were four years behind the expected average. In teacher assessment. girls again excelled with 63 per cent judged at or above the average level, against 50 per cent of boys.

TESTS AT FOURTEEN

Eoglish: fifty-five per cent of

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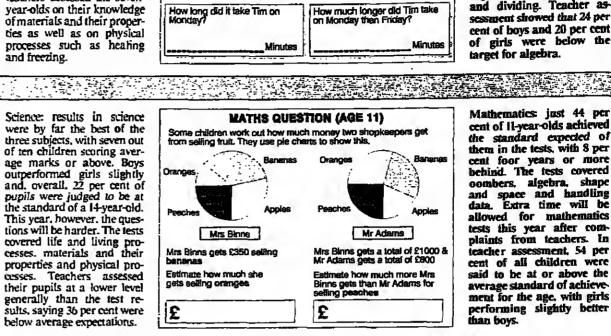
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Mathematics: one in five seven-year-olds was shown by the tests to be as able as the average nine-year-old. but a similar number failed to reach the standard expected for their age. Boys formed the majority of the very bright and of the least able. Sixty-three per cent of girls and 56 per cent of boys were graded average. The tests concentrated on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. Teacher as-sessment showed that 24 per cent of boys and 20 per cent of girls were below the target for algebra. Result

Mathematics just 44 per cent of Il-year-olds achieved the standard expected of them in the tests, with 8 per cent foor years or more behind. The tests covered oombers, algebra, shape and space and handling data. Extra time will be allowed for mathematics tests this year after complaints from teachers. In teacher assessment, 54 per cent of all children were said to be at or above the average standard of achievement for the age, with girls performing slightly better than boys.

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ed levels of achievement. Average grades were achieved by 57 per cent, with girls' marks slightly better than those for boys. More than a third were at the level of an average Il-year-old, and 14 per cent were able to match only a typical nine-year-oid. Teachers assessed pupils' work at a slightly higher level overall, saying 61 per cent of 14-year-olds were at the average level or above. Io the previous year's tests, 60 per cent were jodged average or above.

Both maths and science had 30set worksheets to test basic arithmetic, each lasting 40 minutes.

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At 11, pupils sat two 35-minute maths tests with all questions in the form of problems to be solved, often relating to practical experiences familiar to pupils. Some questions did not allow use of a calculator. In science at 11 there were two 35-

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EDUCATION

Poor performance of 11-year-olds highlights need for review of teaching methods

Results expose junior schools as weak link

The first results of tests at Il confirm many of the anxieties long ex-pressed by inspectors about standards in junior schools. No wonder that teachers have resisted national testing and continue to argue against the compilation of league tables. Gillian Shephard was care-ful to emphasize yesterday that this was the first year for the tests and that children had been studying under the old, overcrowded national curricuhum. But there is no hiding the poverty of the results. Less than half of ll-year-olds reached expected levels in

reached expected levels in English and mathematics. The results are had news for the Government, not least because they turn the spot-light away from Labour's troubles and back on to the full range of ten subjects and, initil last year's review by Sir Ron Dearing, were expected to cover an unrealistic amount condition of state schools. Seven years after the national of ground. But the deficiencies exposed in yesterday's results are not in obscure areas of the curriculum: they curriculum was introduced to raise standards, the inescaprelate to English and mathe-matics, the building blocks of able message is that junior schools in particular still display worrying weaknesses. Ofsted, the school inspec-tion agency, found the quality of teaching to be unsatisfac-

other learning. Mrs Shephard's proposed network of remedial centres to improve the teaching of basic

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Gillian Shephard may take credit for persuading schools to participate in curriculum tests, but she cannot hide from the poverty of the results, John O'Leary writes

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tory in 30 per cent of junior school lessons last year. One school in ten was not making satisfactory progress in read-ing and a quarter were in the same rosition for writing literacy and numeracy look more necessary than ever. But the results at seven suggest a secure grounding that fails to ensure lift-off. Another intersame position for writing. The 7-11 age group has been the weak link of the national pretation is that teachers of younger children have become adept at teaching to the tests in a way that junior curriculum. Teachers have had difficulty mastering the schools have yet to grasp.

> owever, the results of the ll-year-olds will increase pressure for a rethink of teaching methods in the later years of primary education. Even Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Associatioo of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, conceded yesterday that some of his members might have to think again about whole-class

methods. Another overdue development may be to introduce more specialist teaching in junior schools, where the limitations of one teacher for all subjects are now fully exposed. The so-called Three Wise Men, who reported on primary schools to Kenneth Clarke in his time as Education Secretary, recommended

just such a change, but little progress has been made. The tests, decried yesterday as crude and simplistic, have been misrepresented by critics in the teaching unions and at Westminster. They bear oo resemblance to the 11-plus and are not a Trojan horse for a

Government bent on reintro-ducing selection. Not only are curriculum.





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Vouchers may force nurseries to reduce costs

By DAVID CHARTER

LOCAL authority nursery schools might be damaged by the voucher scheme, the Audit Commission suggested in a

report yesterday. Not a single place at present provided in a free-standing nursery school, as opposed to those which are already part of primary schools, costs less than £1,100, the value of the vouchers being sent to parents in the four areas in a pilot scheme from Easter. The commission looked at 11

of the country's 550 nursery schools. Its analysis of local authority provision showed that whereas half-day nursery classes in primary schools generally cost between £700 and £1,00, half-day nursery school places cost anything between £1,300 and £2,500. If the findings were repeated across the country, they would suggest that costs

olds. But some areas have a way to go; there are places for just 26 per cent of four-year-olds in Hereford and Worcester, 27 per cent in Oxfordshire

that parents who do not want to take up their child's nursery voucher place will try and selt the voucher. The scheme will distribute vouchers worth £750 million to parents to use at 40,000 mirsery or playgroup classes. "The scheme will need powerful procedures to prevent traud. There could

the cost of setting up a part-time nursery class as £50,000. It says: "The high costs of nursery schools, particularly relative to nursery and re-

and 28 per cent in Essex. The report says it is possible

be potential for a black mar-

ket," Counting to Five says. The commission estimates ception classes, mean that the

case for investing in new ones



the national curriculum tests Deficiencies exposed by the tests were not in obscure areas of the curriculum: less than half of 11-year-olds reached the expected levels in English and mathematics taken far too late in the school year to be used to scheet pupils, but they set out to test different things the II-plus is largely an IQ test, whereas the government tests vincing on the questioo of when parents will be allowed ages, nine out of ten schools had carried out the tests and primary schools, will be read avidly. The Government might want to avoid another to see comparisons of individreported the results. Without her successful wooing of the measure progress through the uai schools' performances. stand-off before an election, Local league tables, as the first objective measures oo teaching profession, the natbut the bleak national picture Mrs Shephard was able to ional pic ture would not have will surely make parents even glory in the fact that at all emerged. She was less conwhich to base choices between more impatient for the results. We focus



would have to be cut at nursery schools under the voucher scheme, even if they attract parents. Local authorities now spend £1.4 billion on nursery or reception places for children aged three and four and the Government is to cut their funding by £565 million to pay for the voucher scheme.

The Government has said the scheme will encourage more local authority, private and voluntary provision of nursery places for four-year-

will seldom be compelling." The report also says there is "considerable unmet demand" for nursery education, with up to 46 per cent of parents not receiving the type of service they want. It does not speculate on whether vouchers will help satisfy these demands.

The report says the main challenge for local authorities. once vouchers are issued na-tionally in Easter next year, is to maintain co-operation with other providers.

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Blair maintains big poll lead but his party's policies are slow to win public approval

Voters show loss of faith in Labour's readiness

By Peter Riddell

Labour is ready to form the next government than a year ago and the party is making only slow progress in winning approval for its policies, according to the latest MORI

poll for The Times. The poll confirms how cenand Tony Blair is to Labour's big lead in the polls and to the pariy's appeal to the middle classes. John Major has increased his personal popularity over the past year, but the public remains hostile to Tory policies. Tory support is 29 per cent.

up one point since early December and at the highest level for two years. Labour and the Liberal Democrats are unchanged over the month on 55 and (3 per cent respectively.) The economic optimism index. measuring those who believe the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, now

FEWER people believe that stands at minus 11 points. This ity of a Labour-Liberal Democrat partnership has been raised by Paddy Ashdown, the compares with minus 16 points last month and is the poll shows that a narrow most favourable level since majority of Liberal Democrats lasi June.

A quaner of those ques-tioned think the general elecbelieve that Labour and Mr Blair are ready for government. Indeed, unlike the non should be held immedsupporters of other parties, iately and a further third want an election during the course there has been an increase in of this year. Just over a quarter the number of Liberal Demoof the public, but three fifths of crais who believe that Mr Tory supporters, think that the Blair is ready to be Prime Minister. election should be next year. In December 1994, when The poll, undertaken last weekend, shows that a clear

Labour's poll ratings touched a record of per cent. the majority believes that Labour ready for Government and proportion agreeing that Lab-Mr Blair is ready to become our is ready to form the next the next Prime Minister, but Government was 66 per cent. the margins are smaller than It has now dropped to 56 per when the question was last asked at the end of 1994. The cent. The number disagreeing has risen from 25 to 33 per cent biggest declines on both quesover the same period. Similarly, the proportion agreeing that Mr Blair is tions over the period have occurred among women, those aged over 55, skilled ready to be the next Prime

Minister has declined from 59

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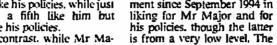
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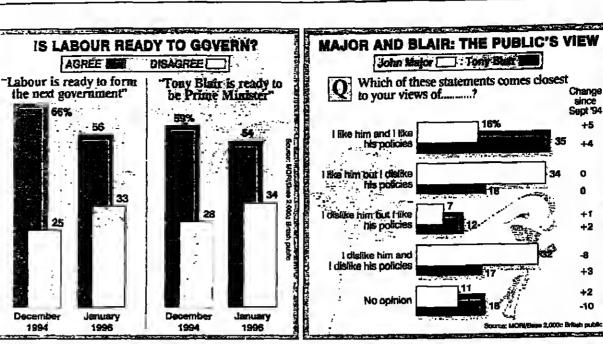
disagreeing has risen from 28 to 34 per ceni.

The poll underlines Mr Blair's personal appeal. Since September 1994, the number liking him has risen from 49 to 53 per cent. His appeal is as strong to the middle classes as to the working classes. He is liked slightly more by those who have switched to Labour since the last election than by party suponers generally. The number disliking him has also risen, from 24 to 29 per cent as the number with no opinion

has declined. The propartion of voters who like Labour's policies has increased slightly since Sep-tember 1994, by six points to 47 per cent, but there has also been a small rise in the number disliking Mr Blair's policies, from 32 to 35 per cent. Overall. a third like Mr Blair and like his policies, while just under a fifth like him but to 54 per cent over the 13 dislike his policies.



By contrast, while Mr Ma-



Prime Minister is particularly liked by those aged over 65. Nearly two thirds even of those who have switched away from the Tories since the last election like him, compared with more than three quarters of Conservative loyalists.

policies, while the number liking Mr Major but disliking policies is double the level However, despite being per-Mr Blair and his policies. sonally liked, the public is still There has been an improve-ment since September 1994 in dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job as Prime Minister by a two to one margin. This has remained fairly level since last autumn. Three quar-

ters of the public also remain dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country, with only one in seven satisfied.

Mr Blair's personal rating remains positive, with nearly a half satisfied and just over a quarter dissatisfied. More than two thirds of Labour supporters are satisfied with one in eight dissatisfied. Mr Ashdown enjoys a posi-tive rating among the public

as a whole and particularly

among Liberal Democrats. sentative quota sample of 1.770 odults at 135 ward sampling points across Britoin. Interviews were conducted face-to-face from Jonuary 19 to 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the popu-lation. Voting intention fig-ures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent) ore undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).

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Tories' meagre recovery worth only half a cheer

The voting intention figures don't matter yet. What matters is

whether we are getting our message across." So said a senior Shadow Cabinet member after the latest MORI poll for The Times. He is partly right. As revealing are the pointers to underlying attitudes shown by replies to other questions.

The slight recovery in the Tories' rating should there-fore be greeted with only a half a cheer in Conservative Central Office. The improvement in the economic optimism index may be a fore-runner of a revival in the elusive "feel good" factor. But "the change is small so far and there has no been no sign of any reduction in the high level of public dissatisfaction with the Government.

John Major is liked by the public, even by those who dislike his policies and are



particularly high ratings among those who have switched to Labour since 1992 and among Liberal Democrats. Not only is he liked but he enjoys strong public sup-port for his performance as Labour leader

Mr Blair's favourable rating is not, however, matched by equal enthusiasm for Labour policies. Since Scotember 1994 there has only been a tiny rise in the oumber who "like less dislike" his policies.

None of that surprises Lab-our strategists whose research has revealed considerable public uncertainty about party policy. That explains the desire to project the stakeholding society as the party's "unifying theme" or Big Idea. This has gone down well, but, after the Harriet Harman row

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National Savings Certificates of the 42nd Issue and 8th Index-linked Issue were withdrawn from sale on 25 January 1996.

The 43rd Issue will go on sale on 26 January. It will offer a guaranteed and tax-free return of 5.35% pa compound when held for five years.

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Issue G Children's Bonus Bonds were withdrawn from sale on 25 January 1996, Issue H will go on sale on

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jor is liked personally by half the public. Tory policies are disliked by two thirds. For

example, the proportion liking

Mr Major and his policies is half that for Mr Blair and his

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

On and from 9 February 1996 the variable gross rates of interest on deposits in an Investment Account will be as follows:

26 January. It will offer a guaranteed and tax-free return of 6.75% pa compound when held for the first five years.

CAPITAL BONDS

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dissatisfied with his perfor-mance as Prime Minister. His this week, party leaders recograting of plus 11 points on "like less dislike" contrasts nise the need to flesh out policy themes. with minus 39 points on

"satisfied less dissatisfied". Despite its big overall lead, there are warning signals for Labour in the decline in the number believing Labour is ready to govern and Mr Blair is ready to be Prime Minister, particularly among the key groups of skilled workers which Labour wants to attract from the Tories.

Overali, the poll confirms the view of Robert Worcester of MORI that "the outcome of the next election will depend upon how well Mr Blair performs and how well he keeps the Labour party to-gether". Mr Blair is clearly the

The Tories' conclusion is that they need to hammer home the story of an improving economy and what is being dubbed the "hypocrisy" theme, the contrast between what Labour leaders say and do.

The most significant message of the polls this year will be now these campaigns affect the public's view of, for example, the parties' degree of unity, readiness to govern and leaders' performance. These will in turn determine voting intentions on polling day.

PETER RIDDELL

Soundbite factory starts production

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

TONY BLAIR continued his drive 10 modernise the Labour Party yesterday with the opening of a new media centre. The £2 million offices near Westminster will be the nerve centre of the general election campaign. Dubbed "the campaign. Dubbed "the soundbite factory", it will house a workforce of spindoctors, press officers and campaign officials.

After the last election, many Labour officials felt that the party's campaign had been too fragmented. With all the staff under one roof, the new centre will help to enable more coordinated and disciplined approach. Some Labour MPs, however, fear that the move will allow Mr Blair's aides to sideline the national party headquarters at Walworth Road, south London.

About 130 people will work at the offices in the Millbank Tower, five minutes walk from the Commons. Labour has leased two floors of the modernist block from the Legal & General insurance company.

On the ground floor, a former cinema auditorium has been turned into a modern 130-seat press conference theatre. Brimming with new technology, the offices are connected by fibre-optic cable to the nearby television offices. from where the pictures can be sent around the world. The

offices are also on the Internet. Excited officials spoke of actually beaming Tony in and out of here - live! On the first floor is the

campaigns centre where press officers. researchers. adminstrators and policy staff will work. The office will also contain a massive computer database called Excalibur.

Material ranging from speeches by Tory ministers and the Shadow Cabinet to Labour policy documents will be stored on the database to help the party's "instant rebuttal unit". Officials aim to counter immediately any false accusations or misquotations made by the Tories. Mr Blair told party workers

yesterday that the centre would help to get Labour's message across. "We have never believed that the message is a substitute for substance, but it is important that they go together." he said.

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Media circus homes in on Whitewater hearing

First Lady braces herself for grand jury questions

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HILLARY CLINTON'S arrival at a federal court this afternoon will generate an excitement on Pennsylvania Avenue unmatched since she and her husband passed by the ornate building on their way to the White House after President Clinton's inauguration in 1993.

On that occasion, joyful Democrats thronged the pavements. Today, it will be battalions of national and mternational media gathered to witness the unprecedented sight of America's proud, selfrighteous First Lady arriving under subpoena to testify before a grand jury that smells an obstruction of justice.

Mrs Clinton was vesterday campaigning in New Hampshire, putting a brave face on her predicament, but her appearance will be a humiliating ordeal. Her lawyers understandably spent two days trying to persuade Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, to retract the sub-

poena after the grand jury.

windowless jury room alone. issued it last Friday. Mrs Clinton will sit in a On three previous occasions wooden chair before 23 jurors, Mr Starr, in deference to Mrs randomly selected citizens of Clinton's position, had gone to Washington who are each the White House private quarpaid \$40 (£26.50) daily. The ters genteelly to question her only other people present will be a federal marshal, a stenogand the President about Whitewater matters. This time rapher and either Mr Starr or the prosecutor, outraged by one of his team. the sudden "discovery" in the

The jury foreman will swear White House residence of key Mrs Clinton in. The prosecutor and jury will then grill her documents he had subpoenaed two years ago, was about the mysterious disapdetermined to demonstrate he pearance and reappearance of the documents - records of Mrs Clinton has the option her legal work in the mid-

of slipping into the court 1980s for the corrupt Arkansas through its secure underbank at the heart of the Whitewater affair. If Mrs Clinton needs to consult her ground car park, but aides predicted she would choose to march in through its front door with her head held high. lawyer, David Kendall, she must leave the room.

A grand jury's job is to determine whether evidence Once inside she will take the lift to the third floor, where yet more journalists will be gathshould give rise to formal ered. At that point the First Lady must leave behind her charges or "indictments". Mrs Clinton is still technically a lawyers, Secret Service agents witness, not a "target" of Mr and all other trappings of Starr's investigation, and office and enter the drab and could be out of the court in

minutes. Conversely, the hearing could last hours or even days, and Mrs Clinton risks perjury charges if she appears evasive or seeks to claim she cannot remember key events. Her testimony must also accord with that of five other subpoenaed White House aides, including her clothing and make-up assistant, her lawyers and an usher. She has the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment against self-incrimination, but that would be political suicide. Twelve of a grand jury's 23 urors must vote to indict. The White House will be aware

that this jury is drawn from a staunchly Democratic city, but also that Mr Starr is a Republican who served in both the Reagan and Bush Administrations and can make recommendations to the jurors. It still seems unlikely that the First Lady will be indicted, but if she were America would enter uncharted political and constitutional territory.



Spectacular errors on the 32 cent stamps honouring former US President Richard Nixon have made an anonymous Virginia man happy. He bought 160 of the flawed stamps that aroused little interest elsewhere - until the discovery of the error. Now each is said to be worth \$8,000 (£5,333)

Author brings rail company to book in court

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

JOHN GRISHAM, the internationally acclaimed author, has triumphed on his first return to the courtroom since becoming a full-time writer by winning \$683,500 (£455,000) for his client.

Mr Grisham did not deny that he had found the experi-ence frightening, but said it may have provided him with a plot for his next courthouse novel.

He worked as a lawyer in Jackson, Mississippi before realising he could make millions from his books. The author was representing the widow of a railway brakeman who was crushed to death in a train crash. She was the last client he accepted before he became a full-time writer, but buster. her case against her late husband's employer took years to come to court. Mr Grisham, who has sold more than six million books with

Time To Kill, had felt dutybound to continue representing her. The damages awarded to her were, he said in his

titles such as The Firm and A

southern drawl, the "biggest verdict I've ever gotten". The size of the award also surprised local observers. "Our juries are normally very conservative," Sheriff Lynn Boyle said. "They just don't hand out

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large settlements." The author convinced the jury in the small Mississippi town of Brookhaven that Illinois Central Railroad, which operated the track, was responsible for the death of John

King four years ago. Aspects of the tale of King. his death in a lonely siding and the apparently big, had company which railroad failed to offer his widow proper compensation, could have come straight from the pages of a Grisham block-

He interrupted his writing schedule to take part in the court case, and after the verdict he conceded that the proceedings had provided him with some useful material. "Everything is grist," he said His next book, strangely, has the hint of a rail theme. Its title: Runaway Jury.

Republicans offer to end budget deadlock

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

IN THE first sign of a breakthrough in Washington's political gridlock, Republican leaders said they would abandon the national debt as a weapon against President Clinton if he backed modest budget and tax cuts as a "down payment" on a balanced budget.

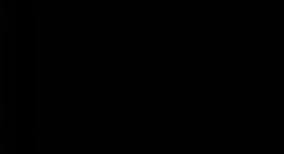
by which The move, congressional congressional leaders ap-peared to close the door this year on plans to reduce the size of government and eliminate the deficit within seven years, was seen as a possible defeat for hardline Republican freshmen and a direct result of Mr Clinton's State of the

would not be trifled with.

Union performance. White House aides met opposite numbers on Capitol Hill yesterday to discuss a possible agreement which would, in effect, keep the federal Government from its third closure today but retain the balanced budget as the key presidential election issue.

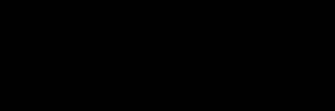
President Clinton and his Treasury Secretary, Robert Rubin, were "pleased" the deal would allow the American debt to be raised beyond its \$4.9 trillion limit, averting





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O.J. Simpson prepares for his cable TV interview OJ plugs his video and attacks media in live TV interview

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

IN HIS first fuil-length interview since being acquitted of double murder. O.J. Simpson attacked the media for their coverage of the case and asked critics to leave him alone.

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Mr Simpson, who appeared for an hour on Black Entertainment, an American cable television channel, repeated his denial that he killed his former wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. "I did not commit those murders," he said. "I couldn't kill anyone and I don't know of anyone who was involved." He said his trial had been "gruelling" and "horrible", and that for the past 16 months he had taken sleeping pills nightly.

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The live interview was watched by a large audience. Early reactions suggested that it had not answered many questions or repaired the damage the case had done to race relations.

The former American foothall star said that the public bad been "lied to" by the media. "I think the media is the main reason why America is feeling the way it's feeling," he said. Continuing media presence meant that he was 1 no longer able to pet his dog without photographers leaning over his fence and taking pictures, which would later

appear under accusations that he was "arrogantly" flaunting his freedom. The only time Mr Sonpson

seemed to lose his temper was when questioned about his golf-playing habits, which have been used as an example of his carefree existence. He bore". Many callers to radio replied indignantly that he stations and television shows had played golf only twice criticised him for plugging his since returning to his home. When his interviewer, Ed

Gordon, asked if it might be a good idea if he moved out of Los Angeles for a while, Mr Simpson replied angrily that he had lived there longer than many other residents.

Several times he mentioned the \$29.95 (E19.60) videotape interview he has made. His cootract with the manufacturer of the tape, he said, prevented him from discussing certain elements of his story while his continuing civil legal fight with the family of Ronald Goldman meant be could not talk about the evidence

Mr Simpson said he had compassion for Goldman's father, Fred, who has been his most constant critic, but added that another side was "very

angry" with him. Mr Simpson, who admitted he once resorted to physical violence against his former wife, felt he had been unfairly cast as a misogynist by "a certain group of women". In an infelicitous choice of words, he said: "I have be-

come their whipping boy." He said be and his wife had remained friends despite the occasional rows and she would consult him when she needed personal advice. He would "grieve for the rest of my life" for Nicole and was hiring investigators to search for her killer.

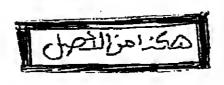
Despite his generally smooth demeanour, Mr Simpson did not appear to have succeeded in winning over critics. Andrea Peyser, a columnist in the New York Post; yesterday called Mr Simpson "a whiner and a video, although others felt it was time he was left alone.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Nato commander shuns Serb leaders over war atrocities

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE (withkey Serb figures who) played such a prominent role in prolonging the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina are now being shunned and ignnred by all Nato commanders engaged in implementing the Dayton peace accord.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serh leader, and General Raiko Mladic, the Serh army commander, both wanted for alleged war crimes, have not dared to show their faces when Nato commanders have visited Pale, the Serb stronghold, for fear of arrest.

However, Admiral Leighton Smith, the Nato commander in Bosnia, disclosed yesterday that both men had tried to arrange meetings with him. but on each occasion he had ignored their requests.

He said Dr Karadzic had sent him a letter inviting him to lunch and General Mladic had passed on messages to arrange a meeting. "I didn't reply to the lunch invitation and I ignored the messages." Admiral Smith said on a brief visit to London.

The American admiral who is in charge of the 60,000strong Nato-led Implementanon Force [Ifor], underlined the agreed policy that the troops under his command would not go seeking indicted

war criminals. But he made it clear he would have nothing to dn with either Dr Karadzic or General Mladic. He said if they had ap-

peared when he visited Pale on December 26 he would have left immediately. Asked if he would have tried to detain them, he said he unly had eight security personnel with him and there were up to 2000 Serb soldiers around.

Since the arrival of Nato

avoid the Dayton agreement.

Admiral Smith has been the demand for Hor troops to guard suspected mass graves containing victims of alleged Serb massacres, Although he has offered assistance to the United Nations war crimes tribunal, he underlined his reluctance to get involved in

the suspected sites. He said he

"I'm not stupid," he said.

troops in Bosnia, the peace implementation mission had largely gone according to schedule and Admiral Smith was confident that the operation would be completed within the rimescale of 12 months.

against false expectations and said he was determined to "mission creep", in which lfor troops took on responsibilines not covered by The most sensitive issue for

deploying troops to guard all

would need hundreds more soldiers for such an operation. as many of the 60,000 Nato troops were involved in support areas. He said there were between

200 and 300 mass burial sites. about 20 of which were within the designated zones of separation between the former warring factions. The opencast mines at Ljubija between Sanski Most and Prijedor in northwest Bosnia, where thousands of bodies are alleged to buried, were be

without extra troops. However, he gave a warning

"fwo kilometres by two kilometres". Admiral Smith said and would be impossible to guard While pleased with the way Crack squad: Dutch firementry to free a grebe stuck in ice in Roermond as cold weather struck northern Europe the former warring factions had complied with most of the conditions. Admiral Smith said the failure to hand over

all prisuners was an "abominarion". His forces remained at two hours' notice to help with the release of prisoners. He also said it was vital that the UN plan to send more than 1,700 civilian police to Bosnia should be implement-

ed as soon as possible. So far only about 80 had arrived. It was not up to lfor troops to act as policemen. "We cannot make Bosnia a crimefree state," he said.

unity treaty. The United Nations regards the territo-

ry as remaining under Portuguese ad-ministration. Mr Alatas said: "The Portuguese decolonisation process went wrong, as it went wrong in Angola and Mozambique. It happened in the middle of a civil war that they had created ... But the difference with Angola and Mozambique was that in their cases the Portuguese recognised that a self-determination process had taken place. With East Timor, that did not happen."

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FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

NON-ALIGNED countries are challenging superpower domination of the 38-nation Disarmament Conference by insisting on a start to talks on full nuclear disarmament this year. The move could hinder a push by Western powers and Russia towards a nuclear test ban treaty.

1996 session, India insisted that it would only accept a conclusion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty if it is linked to negotiations to eliminate all nuclear weapons.

Twenty-one other non-aligned countries also criticised the big powers for failing to take the step, but they stopped short of openly link-

aside the usual evasive, and sometimes obscure, discourse reserved for negotiations and caught officials by surprise. They said earlier that they believed none of the countries in the talks would dare to be seen to be holding up moves to outlaw nuclear test explosions by September.

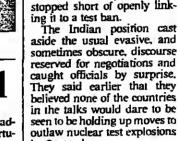
US Arms Control Agency, said bilateral talks were a better place for disarmament negotiations than the conference. Negutiators still have more than 1.200 disputed pieces of text to iron out

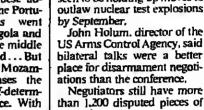
BY DAVID WATTS THE election of a new Portuguese Government appears to have opened the way to the solution of a problem half a world away. Indonesia believes prospects for settlement of the East Timor dispute are improving after the first meeting between Ali Alatas, the Foreign Minister, and Jaime Gama, his new Portuguese counterpart, in London.

"Gama is a person who is open and sincere in his desire to find a way out of this problem." Mr Alatas told The Times. The new atmosphere augurs well for more talks later in Geneva. But, with resistance continuing, the fundamentals of the 20-year-old dispute remain much the same, despite new support for Jakarta from Australia through a sec-

Lisbon raises hope of East Timor deal

As the conference began its





Russians fear 'spy' backlash by Poles BY ROGER BOYES

AFTER the ousting of Jozef Oleksy, the Prime Minister, Poland yesterday faced its worst political crisis since the 1989 Solidarity takeover. Russia was the first to sense the move's seriousness, warning Warsaw against launching an anti-Moscow policy after spy-ing accusations against Mr Oleksv

The resignation of Mr Oleksy - accused of handing secrets to a KGB colonel may affect Poland's passage



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towards Nato membership. And it could signal the splintering of the former Communist Party. now dominating parliament, occupying the premiership and presidency. The military prosecutor triggered the crisis late on

Wednesday by announing there was sufficient evidence to investigate spying claims against Mr Oleksy. The Prime Minister stepped down, swearing: "I declare I have never betrayed Poland — I never harmed my fatherland."

The dossier against him is said to contain transcripts of telephone conversations with a neighbour – a Russian diplomat — a video of a ren-dezvous with another Russian diplomat, and testimony from bodygnards who served Mr Oleksy when he was Speaker.

Mr Oleksy claims the friendship with the Russians was innocent. The main Russian involved - now a businessman based in Moscow says they were just good friends. But the military prosecutor anocars to have material that compromises not only Mr Oleksy out also other members of the former Communist Party, now the Social Democrats.

The Russian Deputy Prime Minister, Sergei Krylov, gave a warning yesterday that the Polish investigation should not start a witch hunt against former Communists or mark the beginning of a crusade against Russia.

Files against Mr Oleksy were released by the outgoing thierior Minister before Lech Walesa stepped duwn as President last month. Mr Walesa has called for early elections and hopes to lead a united Solidarity back to power.

New York: The US Food and

lunds, will be made redur dant. The building will be sold. Cultural events will still be organised, but in collaboranion with other venues in the French capital. (AFP)

PanAm set for take off again

New York: PanAm. the once great American airline that fell victim to the Lockerbie bomb and went bust in 1991, is to be relaunched [Quentin Letts writes). Martin Shugrue and Charles Cobb, a former US Ambassador to teeland who bought the PanAm trademark for £861.000 in 1993. hope to start flights this summer. initially serving the US market. The airline was originally formed in 1927.

Mediators fail to free Britons

Jakarta: Two missionaries met the Irian Java rebels who are holding 13 people, including four Britons, in their jungle camp, hut could not persuade them to free any of the hostages. Indonesian mili-tary officials said. The rebels want autonomy for the province and withdrawal of troops. (AP)

Snack attack

Drug Administration has approved an oil substitute that could sharply reduce the calorie level of snack foods (Quentin Lens writes). But some health groups say olestra may cause diarrhoea and wash vital nutrients out of the body.



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trolled the castern Acycan Sea vesterday to defend a barren islet that Greece fears could emerge as a Falklands-type target of neighbouring Turkey (John Carr writes).

The Foreign Ministry said vesterday there was "no question over sovereignty" uf Imia, little more than a lump of rock a few miles off the Turkish coast. It said Turkey officially laid claim to it last month: the first such incident in more than 70 years.

Greece said a full-scale diplomatic incident was unlikely. But Imia reawakened fears

over some of the smaller islands of the eastern Aegean. under Greek administration since 1947. The Greek Government

said a Turkish cargo vessel which ran aground on Imia late last month refused an offer of help, claiming that the island was under Turkish sovereignty. Athens. at the time, rejected the argument. Last year. Turkey threat-ened to go to war if Athens extended control around its islands from six to 12 miles. It said the Aegean Sea would be

turned into"a Greek lake".

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Clare Spottiswoode fears for the viability of British Gas

Last resort: Tim Eggar said the Government would consider aid for British Gas

fall from 270 to just 206 last Forte outpost, page 3 year. Page 23. Tempus 24

Electricity plan to spend millions on shining image

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE electricity industry is considering spending several million pounds a year in a long-running advertising campaign to spruce up its image and to counter poor publicity generated from high profits and fat-cat executive

Ed Wallis, president of the Electricity Association — the trade body — and chief execuove of PowerGen, the generator, is asking companies to contribute £5 million to £6 million this year to launch a highprofile marketing exercise. In a letter to heads of the

regional electricity companies and the generators, Mr Wallis gives a warning that the image of the industry has been croded. He says: "It will cost money obviously to support such a programme but it will be small change compared with the impact of a windfall lax, which may be the result of a Labour Government."

Saatchi & Saatchi has drafted plans for a campaign in which it tells the industry: "If you do nothing, you collectively stand to lose many millions and risk also your licence to operate as you would wish. You have a window of opportunity now to win back some approval and become less of a political football."

The advertising agency says that one objective should be "to have the Labour Party feel that there is less public demand for intervention in the industry"

But there is thought to be dissension in the industry. with some companies believing that it is not a suitable time to launch an image offensive. Some feel that such a move would only backfire.

The proposals have incensed Labour, which says that the industry should not be prepared to use consumers' cash to make a pre-empove

strike against a change of vernment John Battle, the Shadow Energy Minister. said yester-

day: "The regional electricity companies alone have made over £2 billion in pre-tax profits since privatisation. The generating company Power-Gen is hoping to spend £1.9 billion on buying up Midlands Electricity. And according to PowerGen's 1995 annual report Mr Wallis took home £401,000 last year."

He went on: "I want to know why, when so much profit has been made, the electricity companies are considering funding a PR campaign at the consumers' expense to seek to prevent a situation in which the public would welcome some kind of action." The Electricity Association

said that no firm plans had yet been made and it was awaiting replies from its members to the proposals.

Midas Leech turns £50,000 into £55m

THE odds on winning a prize on the Premium Bonds have lengthened. National Savings yesterday bowed to Treasury pressure to cut the number of prize payouts after fails in interest rates. From May 1, for the first ned from serving as a director time, there will be a set total for ten years. James Fuller, 57. of 350,000 prizes a month. The odds of winning any his co-conspirator, was sen-

Premium

Bond

wins cut

By SARA MCCONNELL

prize in the May draw will he about 17,200:1, compared with 15,000:1 now. Changes in the prize structure will mean fewer smaller £50 and £100 prizes. The move was part of an overall cut in interest rates on National Savings accounts. National Savings withdrew all its fixed rate accounts at the close yesterday and will replace them today with new issues paying lower rates. Variable rates on other accounts will central London, Judge Fabyan Evans, QC, told the two men: be cut from today. The reduction in rates is between 0.25 "The sums of money involved per cent and 0.9 per cent. in this case have been quite

fraud solicitor given nine years By JON ASHWORTH staggering and have been THE disgraced former solicitor at the centre of the Belling

Belling pension

matched only by the enormity of the lies which you both pension fund scandal was jail-Inid." About £10 million has ed for nine years yesterday. Charles Deacon, 54, was bannever been recovered.

The judge told Deacon he had made a habit of investing imaginary sources of money, adding: This case has been tenced to seven years in prisriddled with forgeries and deceit. There is nn doubt your lies were so enormous many were taken in. You didn't know the money from Belling would come from the pension funds. But this case demonstrates that managements can be totally misled into taking decisions which in the end lead to the domise of companies and consequently the Passing sentence at Middle-sex Guildhall Crown Court, loss of jobs far employees."

tims were impressed by Dea con's professional standing as a solicitor for 20 years. It was not possible to estimate the damage people like him had done in the legal profession's reputation. You told lies at every turn and money passed through your account like sand through a colander. You

Newcastle-under-Lyme. Staf lordshire, had been convicted of six counts of conspiracy to defraud and two of obtaining property by deception. Fuller of Liverpool Road East. Kids grove, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, was convicted of six conspiracy counts and unc deception charge. They were assisted by John Savage, an American. Named as a co-conspirator in many charges, he succombed to stomach cancer before he could be extradited to the UK to stand trial.



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KEVIN LEECH, who put £50,000 into M L Laboratorics in 1987, yester-day cashed in £55 million of shares via a Jersey company of which he owns 68 per cent. His remaining 54 per cent personal stake is worth a staggering £353 million in spite of the company not having made a profit. Shares in ML Laboratories leapt 46p to a record high of 457p yesterday after the placing of a 10 per cent stake in ML by Milner Laboratories, the Jersey company. ML also managed to raise £25 million yesterday from institutions by way of a placing of new shares at

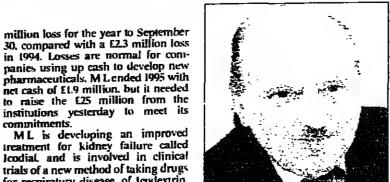
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BY GEORGE SIVELL

400p each. M L was first listed on the old Stock Exchange third market in 1987 at an equivalent to yesterday's share price of 10p. Mr Leech. ML's chairman. aban-

doned bis chartered accountancy exto raise the £25 million from the ams at 21 to take over the family funeral business, which ran 20 par-lours in the Manchester area. By the institutions yesterday to meet its commitments time he was 40 he had built h into one of the largest private funeral businesses in the country before selling up and becoming a tax exile in Jersey.

M L Laboratories, which researches and develops pharmaceuticals, revealed yesterday that it suffered a £3.4



on, and a seven-year ban. Deacon and Fuller ensnared some of Europe's largest firms in a web of decepoon. Targets ranged from Finland's biggest food processur to Belling, the UK company that raided its pension fund tu

qualify for a non-existent loan. In so doing, it left many former employees facing reduced pensions, tt collapsed in 1992.

The judge said overseas vic-

gamhled and lost." he said. Deacon, of Bramfield Drive.

ML is developing an improved treatment for kidney failure called leadial and is involved in clinical trials of a new method of taking drugs for respiratury disease, of loudextrin. an anti-cancer drug, and uf an Aids drug known so far as D2S.

Leech: £55 million share sale

BUSINESS NEWS

Burton Group's sales up

BY SARAH BAGNALL

BURTON GROUP, the Debenhams to Dorothy Perkins clothing retailer. provided forther evidence vesterday that it was firmly back on the road to recovery.

Sir John Hoskyns, chairman, told the annual meeting that sales rose 5.9 per cent in the 20 weeks to January 20, helped by an 8.5 per cent advance by the moltiples. Analysts raised their profit forecasts from about Et20 million to E130 million. Sir John said: "In spite of the encouraging performance for the first 20 weeks of the year, the lack of overall growth in the retail clothing market which has been widely reported forces us to remain somewhat caotious on the trading outlook for the foll year."

As the group hail pre-dicted, the growth in the gross margin was expected to slow, so yesterday's news that the rate had eased from 2.2 to 1.9 per cent was no surprise. G Kenwood Appliances said that third-quarter sales rose to per cent, with UK sales ahead 24 per cent. The UK performance contrasts with the 7 per cent decline recurded in the six months to September 30.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Selfs
Australia S	2.16	2.00
Austria Sch	16,76	15.26
Belgium Fr	49.09	44.78
Canada S	2190	2.030
Cyprus Cyp£	0.751	0.696
Denmark kr	9.28	6,48
Finland Mkk	7.44	6 79
France Fr	6.09	7.44
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	350.00	365.00
Hong Kong \$	12,37	11.37
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5,1400	4 4900
Italy Lira	2519.00	2364.00
Japan Yen	176 20	160.20
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Goodhead printing and publishing, chaired by John Madejski, right, with John Cooling, managing director, has restored the interim dividend at 0.05p, the first time it has been paid since 1990-91; pre-tax profits rose to £451,000, up from £76,000

EC urges common market for defence equipment

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE European Commission has unveiled a package of rules obliging public tenders to be opened to competition proposals designed to create a common market in defence from companies throughout equipment and redress the the Union.

But the proposal is likely to face mixed reactions from member states, which recognise the opportunities from collaboration, but find it politically difficult to shed jobs in order to buy cheaper arms

from their neighboors. It will also provoke alarm in the United States, the leading overseas source of high-tech weaponry for most EU mem-

Barclays quits share registration

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A spokeswoman said the

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erto been exempt from EU bers. The Commission suggests arms companies from outside the EU shoold be denied the right to take action against states that fail to hold

huge United States arms industry, which is a leading supplier of transport and fighter planes, helicopters and missiles to many member states. According to commission research, the US is the

as share registrars face re-

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order to compete.

overseas supplier of choice for almost all the member states. The Commission said that between 1988 and 1992, the US exported \$18 billion of major conventional weapons to Europe, but booght only \$1.7 billion of arms manufactured

last February, the Bank was criticised by the Board of Bangemann. Banking Sopervision. In its The report also called for negotiations with third cooninquiry into the collapse, it tries to insist they must provide said that the Bank's perfor-"comparable and effective" acmance could have been better and one of 17 recommendcess to their markets, in exchange for equal rights with ations it made was increased international cooperation.

that 12 EU states, excloding the three most recent members, Sweden, Aostria and West's sale of its share regis-Finland, shed 600,000 of their tration business to Royal Bank of Scotland, in 1994, and I.6 million defence jobs during the four-year period. is part of an increasing trend

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ulster Bank head makes peace call

defends

by Bank

BY JANET BUSH

AND PATRICIA TEHAN

Meanwhile, Brian Quinn.

supervision who retires next month, called for internation-

al standards for payments and

settlements systems that

would provide a "safety net" in

In a speech in New York, he

said that the Bank had begun to negotiate memoranda of understanding with regula-tory bodies in the UK so that

they can be aware of all the

risks to which a bank may be

subject and to try to have early

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such a safety net was not

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collapse of Barings. Britain's

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THE head of one of Ireland's biggest banking groups has called for "a third track" in the Northern Ireland peace process. Sir George Quigley, chairman of Ulster Bank Group, said he believed that such a track, covering development of economic opportunities for the island of Ireland, woold find "a broad measure of agreement". Sir George, chairman of the Northern Ireland Economic Council, is a director of the Ulster Bank's parent group, National Westminster Bank.

Sir George told an Ulster Bank conference in Dublin: "The peace dividend for the island as a whole largely depends on the North's response to the economic opportunities opened up by peace ... The stronger the economic circuitry island-wide, the more each part is likely to share in the success of the other."

Procter progress

PROCTER & GAMBLE'S second-quarter profits rose 11 per cent, to \$836 million, from the same period a year earlier. The food and household products conglomerate said that revences rose 7 per cent, to \$9.09 billion. Six-mooth fiscal year profits were op 12 per cent. to \$1.73 billion, on revenue of \$18.1 billion, the company said. John Pepper, chairman. spoke of "excellent volume growth" in North America and "record shipments in key growing markets like China and Eastern Europe".

Jobs created at Siebe

SIEBE is creating 350 jobs worldwide because of an influx of orders worth more than £50 million. The engineering group said 80 new posts would be created in the UK, with another 20 recruited for service contracts in the Middle East. The remaining new staff will be recruited in the US and Far East. The group, based in Windsor, Berkshire, said expansion of its worklone followed record orders in control systems business.

Airtours warning

AIRTOURS has given warning that the tour holiday market remains under a cloud. Bookings had fallen 34 per cent so far in the corrent financial year compared with the corres-ponding period last year, David Crossland, chairman, lold shareholders at the annual meeting. That reflects a later launch to the 1996 brochure, bot was a modest improvement since December. The winter season was progressing satisfactorily, with UK bookings up 4 per cent.

Laker flies again

SIR Freddie Laker, pioneer of cheap transatlantic airfares, will be launching the first flight of his new service, Laker Airways, on March 27 after yesterday's granting of a licence by the US Department of Transportation. The twice-weekly flight, from Florida to Gatwick, will be the first run by Sir Freddie since Skytrain's collapse 14 years ago. The new airline is owned 49 per cent by Sir Freddie and 51 per cent by Oscar Wyatt, the Texan oil millionaire.

Weiss braced for defeat

EDWARD WEISS was ready to concede defeat in his battle to continue as chairman of Water Hall after shareholders appeared to back a resolution tabled by Raschid Abdullab, a director, calling for his removal from the board. The outcome of a vote at yesterday's extraordinary meeting will be known today. Mr Weiss is likely to be succeeded by Anthony Smith. Together with his brothers, Ahmed and Osman, Mr Abdullah controls 19 per cent of the company's shares.

European Union's \$4 hilliona-year arms deficit with the United States. in a report yesterday. Martin Bangemann, the Industry Commissioner, claimed the 15 member states could save \$13.6

billion a year by opening their national procurement markets to other member states. Because of its sensitivity, defence purchases have hith-

its share registration business by March after deciding that

it is not commercially viable (Patricia Tehan writes).

Barclays said it hoped that

most of the 450 people em-

ployed at Beckenham. Kent,

and Altrincham, Cheshire,

would keep their jobs

open procurement decisions, And it proposes tariffs against arms imported from beyond the Union. That is a direct threat to the

within the EU. "It's a total imbalance." said Mr

European suppliers, The Commission calculates Meanwhile, the Bank yesterday published a paper setting out plans for a facility for stripping gilts into their coupon and principal payments, a reform designed to offer investors and traders greater flexi-As a result, arms companies bility and so cut the cost of government borrowing. The

in many EU states are now too small to be economic serving Bank said that its consultative national markets alone, and document last May had turned op broad demand for this new facility. It is asking for further face intensifying competition from rivals in the United States responses by March I.

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PRODUCT RECALL

BARCLAYS BANK is to close because the bank is in discus-

STELLA ARTOIS BOTTLES (25cl bottle size, sold in packs of 24 only)



Stella Artois regret la announce that small fragments of glass have been found in a small number of 25cl bottles of Stella Artois beer. These bottles can only be bought as part af a pack of 24 from supermarkets, off licences and whalesalers in the UK. The affected bottles have all been withdrawn from public sale and productian stopped.

The affected green bottles are all 25cl, in a 24 pack, with a green label and a best before date from April 1996 up to and including September 1996. These bottles should not be opened and the beer should not be consumed.

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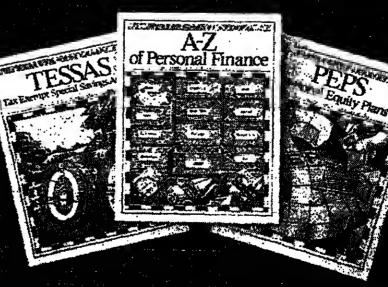
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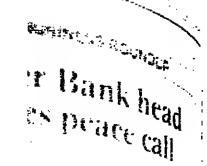
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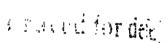


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□ Overheard in the boardroom □ Government drops plans for gas levy □ Growing duopoly in share registrations

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Difference is a dark satanic mill, somewhere in the indus-trial North. Mr Gradgrind is in heated discussion with his fi-nance director. He gestures to-wards the shop floor.

Gradgrind: There are workers and their families starving out there. The wages are pitiful, and are being undermined even further by desperate part-timers who will do anything for a job. The workforce has been cut to the bone, and those left don't know if they'll be on the scrap-

heap themselves tomorrow. Finance man: I take your point. The share price is looking a bit toppy. It's not that long since the remuneration committee last looked at executive share options, but I suppose we could ... Gradgrind: You don't under-stand, lad. We have been grind-ing the faces of the poor for the

Finance man: But that's what you told me to do. Gradgrind: Quoted companies like ours saw their earnings rise by an average of 16 per cent

annually over the past three years, as we pulled out of recession. But wages are barely keeping pace with inflation, so cowed have our people become by mass unemployment since we smashed the union. Finance man: That was the

won't like it, and they have their ways of showing it -- look at that general idea, though,

Gradgrind: There's a new day dawning, lad, and it's called the stakeholder society. We've got to spread the wealth around a little. Italian sandwich bar on the High Street they sold down the river just the other day. Gradgrind: A bit of brass spread

The workers must get a fair day's pay for a fair day's work. Finance man: You want to increase wages? But we cut them around now, and we might find we've made some useful friends one day.

Finance man: I'd wait until then, Increase wages? But we can them only last March. Gradgrind: It's the wave of the future, lad. Adair Turner of the Confederation of Britisb In-dustry says so. Nexible ap-proaches to pay, which link it to productivity and performance, that's what he says. Finance may But our productivif I were you. Still, words doo't cost anything. I'll get the human resources boys to draw up a press release: We roust develop a framework giving employees opportunities, prospects and participation in the economy's success' - that kind of stuff. Finance man: But our productiv-Gradgrind: You can't - I sacked 'em all last week. (Pause). Well, you suggested it. ity is about as good as it gets -you said so. None of our compet-

itors can lay a finger on us. Push wages up, and inflation rises and Bowing to

businesses like ours become less economically viable. The CBI has always been quite insistent common sense

HOW nice to be right. For several weeks The Times has on that in the past. Gradgrind: I told you, there's a been drawing attention to the shortcomings of the Govern-ment's plan to sneak a clause into licences for gas shippers enabling an open-ended levy to be imnosed on consumers. new day coming, and we've got to prepare for it! Finance man: Might 1 remind you, you don't own this mill any more, even if it's got your name on the roof. The people who do be imposed on consumers.

We have also repeatedly exposed the delays in preparations



Mr Gradgrind's change of heart

to allow 500,000 households in the South West of England a choice of gas supplier. Yesterday, at last, the Govern-ment acknowledged the strength

of the case against the levy by publicly announcing that it will be dropped. It also became clear that while Ofgas is bravely battling for an April 1 start date for the competition pilot, the Government is prepared to delay

if there is a serious risk that customers bills will be wrong. One simple test will decide whether to go ahead with the pilot, and that is whether the new computer system and customer database developed by British

Gas' pipeline subsidiary, TransCo, is working smoothly in time. Given that it has the tenth

biggest data-base in the world, this now looks highly unlikely. If there is a delay, it will have to be long enough to ensure that the revised target date is met.

May, June, July, next year --why should anyone care, so long as there is no political fall-out

ahead of an election. Politics did for those accursed levy powers too. These would have looked like nothing so much as a whipround for Cedric Brown. No sane politician would want to add an extra charge to consumers' bills to bail out a company better known for the size of its chief executive's pay packet than the quality of its service.

But more telling was the argument that far from acting as an insurance policy, the levy power could actually undermine efforts by British Gas to negotiate an exit from its E40 billion of

take-or-pay gas contracts. As has been said here before, British Gas's liabilities under these contracts, estimated at £1.5 billion, could in the end turn into a £2 billion asset, given an upturn in gas prices and some nifty negotiation. A successful

outcome to those talks with the producers looks all the more likely now the Government has bowed to common sense.

A suitable case for OFT treatment

□ SHARE registration has al-ways been a dry, dusty, paper-laden and at times deeply inefficient backwater of banking - an unexpected death, and the resulting need to transfer share ownership can mean three months of bureaucratic delay. This backwater is fast resem-bling a shark pool. Barclays is backing out of a market the bank says does not pay. Barclays,

says does not pay. Barclays, Lloyds and the Royal Bank of Scotland have, by shareholder numbers, some 72 per cent. The rest is in the hands of independents, including the Inter-

national Registration Group. One curious aspect of Bar-clays' exit, coming 18 months after the NalWest got out by selling to the Scots, is that the bank will only contemplate transferring its customer base to Uoyds or the IRG. The Scots.

although their market share is behind that of Lloyds, are being shul out, for unexplained rea-sons - too ambitious, perhaps? Depending how much of the business goes to the indepen-dents, up to three-quarters could be in the hands of two banks by the summer, therefore. Mean-while, not all the iodependents will be able to afford the invest-ment needed to comply under the Crest paperless share-trading system, so concentrating that near-duopoly even further. Frees paid by the companies are whatever the market will bear. The business, unprofitable now,

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could make money once the Crest investment is made. A suitable market for the Office of Fair Trading to investigate?

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Place your bets

□ ONE secure income stream for those surviving registrars will be dealing with s.212 notices. These are devices aimed at detecting predators lurking on⁵ the share register, and they look like a growth industry. This week Mercury Asset Manage-ment, even as it voted on the Forte bid, was buying further into two other market bid favourites. It emerged as 10 per favourites. It emerged as 10 per cent owner of Zeneca and, only yesterday, with 11 per cent of Thorn EMI. Firm long-term holdings, no doubt.

Government's BAA stake sold for £145m

By Sarah Cunningham

THE Government raised £145 million yesterday from the sale of its last remaining stake in BAA, the airports operator, The sale follows a similar

deal last mooth in which the Treasury sold its remaining 1.87 per cent of BP, raising £513 million. It plans to sell further small packets of shares left over from its big privatisations and expects to raise up to ELS billion in all. The 2.9 per cent stake in BAA, owner and operator of seven major British airports, was auctioned by NM Rothschild. the merchant bank, and bought by Merrill Lynch

had offered the best price. The decision to sell the BAA stake was taken because the shares were creeping up towards the 500p level that was last breached in October and because market conditions were judged sufficiently stable.

Rothschild pointed out that the discount on yesterday's deal was particularly small: 0.56 per cent compared with 4 per cent for the BP sale. Merrill Lynch will have made about £810,000 on the deal.

Rothschild, a key player in the Government's privatisations that now has a major role in many European selloffs, was appointed last September by the Treasury to sell residual stakes in privatised

share. Merrill Lynch then placed

International for 491.25p per

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT BOEING, the world's leading operating margins from 13 per aircraft manufacturer, pre-dicts a recovery in sales to \$22 cent to 11 per cent. Net earnings for the year to December 31 were just \$393

Boeing regains

lead as price

after an 11 per cent fall in 1995. A ten-week strike, com-bined with intense competi-tion from Airbus Industrie, company would have made \$783 million but for a special the European planemakers' consortium, caused deliveries tax provision. The downturn in 1995 reveto fail from 270 to 206 last year. Frank Shrontz, Boeing's nues, to \$19.5 billion, had been widely expected. But while chairman, blamed the indemand from airlines is recovcreased proportion of reveering. Mr Shrontz said, the nues from the defence civil jet market would remain "extremely competilive". business, where profit margins are lower, for a fall in Boeing's production will rise.

he said. million, down from \$856 mil-lion. Mr Shrontz said the

counter the impressive sales

In the sub-jumbo sector. Boeing's new 777 has achieved a barn-storming performance in the sales battle with the Airbus A330 twin-jet and the A340, its four-engined sister. This titanic struggle is espe-cially important, since each

plane-maker spent more than

\$1 billion developing its new

range, and the planes have a

list price of more than \$100

million each.

war takes toll however, to about 215 planes, In the past year. Boeing has been engaged in a vicious price war with Airbus. The battle has centred on two sectors. In the 130-seat to 150-seat market, Boeing has launched a new generation of its 737 single-aisle twin-jets to

gains won by the Airbus A320



Charge pushes AT&T into loss

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

AT&T, the US telecommunications group, fell into heavy loss during the final quarter of last year because of the massive restructuring charge for splitting the comhusiness

The division of the group into more focused units pany into three separate businesses. poses a threat to BT, AT&T's The company reported a \$2.7 billion loss after the unprecedented \$6.25 billion international rival. The US telephone company has alcharge needed to divide the ready signalled a policy of expansion in the UK, with a company and cut 40,000 plan to spend up to \$1 billion before the end of the decade. jobs. Without it, the group would have made a profit of

Overseas expansion, how-\$1.34 billion. ever, contributed to a rise in For the year as a whole, the profit after the restruccosts during the final quarturing charge was \$139 milter of last year. AT&T saw revenues rise 5 lion, compared with \$4.7 per cent to \$22.1 billion for the year, fuelled mainly by a

billion before. Without the charge, bowever, profits would have soared to \$5.5 rise in long distance and wireless services, which rose billion. Defending the plan and its costs, Robert Allen, the 9 per cent. Profits also rose

in most areas of operations chairman, said: "Short-term including sales of products such as cordless phones and profitability is important, but long-term growth and voice processing systems.

Boeing's success, however, has been aided by fierce competition among the engine suppliers, Rolls-Royce of Britfinancial strength are essenain, and Pratt and Whitney tial." The aim of the plan is and General Electric of the to allow each of the new United States. companies to focus more efficiently on its core

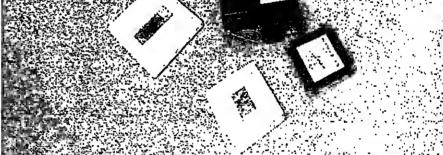
The A340, in contrast, suffers from having only one engine supplier, jointly owned by General Electric and Snecma of France.

Because Snecma is strapped for cash, it cannot cut prices, a factor that has also restricted GE's success in winning Boeing 777 orders for its GE90 engine, in which Snecma has a 25 per cent stake.

Together, the new 737 and the 777 accounted for twothirds of all new orders booked by Boeing last year. Overall, the Seattle company was able to claim a 66 per cent share of the jet market, pushing well ahead of Airbus, which briefly took the lead in new orders during 1994.

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Mattel launches hostile bid for Hasbro



Jeff Hewitt, left, Unitech's finance director, and Peter Curry, its chairman

Unitech 45% ahead as Far East helps sales

BY MARTIN BARROW

UNITECH, the manufacturer should enable [the] board to report further progress in the and distributor of electronic second balf." components and controls,

said that continued strong demand in the Far East was likely to offset a decline in the £15.8 million, for the half-year to November 30, after a 20 per rate of growth in other regions, particularly Europe, experienced in the second cent rise in sales, to £207 million. The interim dividend, quarter.

payable on April I, rises to 296p, from 257p, after earn-Peter Curry, chairman and chief executive, said: "Increasings per share of 14.6p (11p). The shares fell 11p, to 498p. ing acceptance of our new products by major customers

Unitech yesterday reported a 45 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £22.9 million, from

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made a deal more likely to

happen. Mattel is offering 1.67 shares in the combined company for every Hasbro share. claims that this values Hasbro at a 73 per cent premium, or \$2.2 billion, over its market price. It has even promised to pay Hasbro \$100 million if an agreed deal is

blocked by regulators. There is little love lost between the two companies, both of which have recently been expanding aggressively overseas, including Britain. Although Manel's sales reve-nues of \$3.7 billion last year are not vastly more than Hasbro's \$29 billion. the company is much more profitable, giving it a market value more than twice that of its

competitor. Mattel, which is widely regarded as the better managed company, is worth more than \$7 billion on the stock market while Hasbro is worth only around \$2.7 billion.

the shares with institutional investors at 494p each. The stock was all sold by lunchtime and BAA's shares closed unchanged at 496p. Rothschild sold its stake in

Smith New Court, the stockbroker, to Merrill Lynch last July. But Rothschild said there was no connection with the American bank's success in yesterday's auction, in which there were several

companies. The Government's practice was to hold back some shares when privatising in order to satisfy demand for loyalty bonuses. The stakes still remaining

include a 14 per cent interest in the Mersey Docks & Harbour Company, Small holdings in privatised water and electricity companies and generators make up the bulk of the rest. with stakes of about 2 per cent in both National Power and PowerGen.

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Holliday hurt by warning BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

HOLLIDAY CHEMICALS which specialises in dyestuffs, saw its shares slump 27 per cent after a profits warning.

SHARES in Bluebird Toys raced to a high of 363p yesterday after Mattel's \$5.2 billion hostile takeover bid for The Yorkshire company said that it was being squeezed by the high cost of raw materials and pressure on Hasbro, its US rival. · Bluebird shares ended the pricing and sales of its own products. Its shares fell from 164p to 119p and dragged down those of Yorkshire day at 354p, up 15p, amid speculation that it will soon lose its status as one of the UK's few remaining indepen-dent toymakers. Hasbro has a Chemicals, which is also exposed to the dyestuffs market. Shares in Yorkshire plunged

22p to 258p. Holliday is taking a £3.5 million charge for restructur-ing manoeuvres to boost prof-its and said that it would turn in pre-tax profit of £15.4 million for the year to the end of December as against market expectations of about £20

million. The company is now pushing through price increases of between 3 and 5 per cent.

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6.7 per cent stake in Bluebird. whose chief executive. Chris Burgin, previously spent 18 years with the American company. At the same time, Mattel has a longstanding arrange-ment to distribute Bluebird's toys in America. The bid by Mattel, maker of

BY RICHARD THOMSON

IN NEW YORK

Fisher-Price toys as well as Barbie dolls, for Hasbro, owner of Waddingtons and Tonka Toys as well as Sindy, received strong support on Wall Street, with Hasbro shares soaring to \$46 from around \$30 when the offer was announced. The

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Barbie, Mattel's golden girl main obstacle to a takeover

would be regulatory hurdles since the companies are the largest toymakers in the US and would have to overcome American anti-trust rules. Some analysts put their combined market share in the US at around 40 per cent. It would include favourites such as Scrabble, Monopoly, and Mr Potato Head.



Sindy, Hasbro's heart-throb

Mattel now has to convince Hasbro's shareholders to accept its offer since it has declared that it will not go ahead without an agreed deal. Hasbro's management pre-dictably rejected the offer out of hand as "incredibly pre-sumptions", leaving Manel 10 appeal directly to their investors, who are mostly institutions, which, analysis said,



MARKETS/ANALYSIS

Rumours of Soros selling and bid talk rattle shares

ET was another volatile day for the London market, dominat-et by falling bond markets fter rumours that George Soros, the international speculator, was a big seller, and by more bid talk and a couple of

large share placings. The largest of these came as Midland Bank offloaded its remaining 5.3 per cent stake in 3i Group, the venture capital group floated in July 1994 at 272p. James Capel, which is owned by HSBC, Midland's parent, was said to have placed 30 million shares at 404p a share.

Last year, Midland reduced its 3i stake from 7.9 per cent to 5.3 per cent as part of last June's £440 million share sale by four bank shareholders. At the time, Lloyds and the Bank of England sold their entire stakes, while Barclays lowered its stake from 8.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent. Bank of Scotland and NatWest, 3i's other bank shareholders, held on to their stakes of 2.5 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively. 3i shares ended 3p lower at

413p. on heavy volume of 62.4 million shares traded. HSBC dipped lp to £10.96, while Lloyds TSB lost 6p to 337p, on volume of 11.6 million shares, and NatWest 7p to 667p. Bank of Scotland added 5p to 309½ p.

Meanwhile, equities failed to hold on to modest early gains as declining bond mar-kets on both sides of the Atlantic combined with a neg-ative start m trading on Wall Street. The US markets were again unsettled by fears that Congress may not pass the necessary legislation to allow the Government to cover its budget deficit.

Sentiment was also hit by late speculative, but incorrect, talk that Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was going to criticise the Chancellor's-recent interest rate cut in a speech he was due to deliver at the London School of Economics last

night The FT-SE 100 index ended near its worst of the day, closing down 24 points at 3,734.2. Second-liners fared better, with the FT-SE 250 only slipping 0.2 to 4,086.7. Volume, swollen by substantial placings in 3i and BAA. reached 857 million at the official close.

BAA, the airports operator, ended unchanged at 496p on heavy volume of 62.8 million shares traded after the Gov-



Torquil Norman, chairman, saw Bluebird shares jump 15p

shares.

on doubts that Sir Rocco can

raise the necessary finance. Forte dipped 2p to 396p on beavy volume of 20.4 million

Savoy A shares jumped 32p to £11.80, with the prestige

hotel group seen as a prime

target as a one-off buy after

Granada reported huge inter-

est in the 68 per cent stake

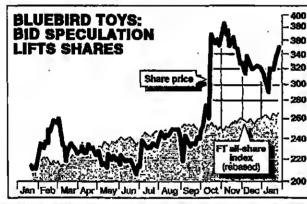
which is up for sale.

ermment sold its 2.9 per cent stake. The Treasury raised about E140 million after selling about 29.5 million BAA shares to Merrill Lynch Smith New Court, the stockbroker, which in turn passed them on to institutions in a placing at

494p a share. Shares in Granada, which this week won control of the Forte empire after its hostile

Jasmin, the electronic systems designer listed on the Alternative Investment Market, jumped 12p to 103p after accompanying increased interim profits with news of a record order book and a £5 million contract from GEC-Alsthom for passenger information systems for trains on London Underground's Northern Line.

battle with the hotels and Standard Chartered, which has been gripped by takeover speculation, fell back after restaurants group, touched a new high of 738'2 p, but then recent gains as the City took a slipped back to end 3p lower at calmer approach and accepted 704p. the rumours may yet again be unfounded. The shares re-Granada was initially lifted after saying it would be happy to consider a bid from Sir treated 261 p to 636p after the bank said it was not aware of Rocco Forte for the Exclusive and Meridien chain of hotels any circumstances leading to once he and his team are in a the recent movement in its position to put forward a serious offer, but lost ground share price. P&O, which is rumoured to



DURIES STRATES

date, was the best perfomer among FT-SE stocks, with the shipping to property group steaming ahead 12 ap to 529p. Toy companies were also the centre of speculative interest in the wake of the \$5.2 billion hostile offer from Mattel, the US toy group whose empire spans Barbie dolls to Fisher Price products, for Hasbro, its American ri-val. Among possible UK targets, Bluebird Toys, which is 6.7 per cent owned by Hasbro and is one of the UK's few remaining independent toy groups, jumped to 363p before

ending at 354p, up 15p. Games Workshop added 7p to 299p and Toy Options firmed 2p to 98p.

Lasmo was also a good market, adding 2'2p to 172p. before a Nigerian drilling report next week.

British Biotech continued its remarkable advance, surg-ing to E23.58 before closing at E22.38. up 70p, for a two-day gain of 268p. The shares have more than trebled in the past six months as investors become increasingly optimistic about prospects for Marimastat, the company's new cancer treatment which is undergoing trials.

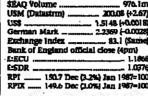
Elsewhere, Cantab Pharmaceuticals surged 85p to 530p, Cortecs 33p to 270p, Scotia 19p to 503p and Anagen 5p to 75p. ML Laboratories, meanwhile, raced to an alltime high of 457p, up 46p at 400p after accompanying increased losses with a £25 million cash call.

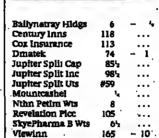
Hulliday Chemical dived 45p to 119p after issuing a profits warning. The warning unsettled others in the sector, with Yorkshire Chemicals down 22p to 25Sp, Laporte 13p to 644p, ICI 18p m 808p and Courtaulds 15p to 432p. GILT-EDGED: Gilts suf-

fered widespread falls. The March long gilt future lost 20 ticks to Ell11/32 on volume of 65,000 contracts. Among conventional stocks, five-year issues fell by about £4, while losses extended to £34 among longer-dated stocks. NEW YORK: A sell-off in

the US bond market continued to weigh on Wall Street shares and kept them trading lower at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.09 at 5,228.75. Analysts said the market was also falling prey to some profit taking after a steep run, mostly concentrated in the Dow 30.

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BURTON failed dismally to talk down its prospects yesterday. Words of caution received scant attention from analysts as they swiftly up-

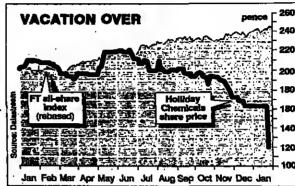
graded their profit forecasts for the retailing group. Burton has long been dubbed a recovery stock, but until last year showed little evidence of living up to the title. Generating less than £100 million in profits from almost £2 billion in turnover, there certainly has been room for improvement.

The first sign of recovery was last year's sharp climb in margin, helping profits to more than double. Yesterday's news that the gain in gross margin had slipped from 2.2 per cent to 1.9 per cent was not unexpected. Instead of worrying that the pace of growth was slowing, the market took comfort from good like-for-like sales growth and evidence that margins are still on the rise. With raised profit expecta-

lower proportion of group sales. In spite of upbeat forecasts that demand for chemicals will pick up this year, Holliday fails to see any large-scale recovery in its sales or its order book. Holliday earns a living

surges in the price of raw materials have hurt margins. while sales have declined, increasing price pressure. Holliday's warning reon Yorkshire bounded Chemicals, which is also

exposed to dyestuffs. Without signs of renewed demand, investors are better off with minimal exposure to the chemicals cycle.



tions, the shares are trading on about 19 times earnings and at a 40 per cent premium to the sector. The recovery is still gathering steam, and so should the shares.

Mersey Docks

LIKE the proverbial bad penny, labour problems have continued to haunt the Liverpool docks. Mersey Docks and Harbour Company shareholders will wince at the idea of paying up to £8 million to dockers who abandoned their jobs in a quixotic gesture of support towards redundant employees of a separate, and now defunct, stevedoring company.

It may, however, turn out to be money well spent. Britain has too many ports to service a small island, and rivals of Mersey Docks were busy seducing its shipping customers while the cranes stood idle at the Royal Seaforth Docks. The company claims to have retained all its important customers, but, even so,

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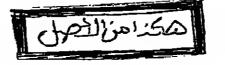
these will have seized the opportunity to seek concessions from Mersey Docks in ex-change for continued loyalty to Liverpool.

However, Mersey Docks has extracted an important gain from the strike. Produc-tivity has vastly improved at the container terminal; jobs taken over by shippers and new working practices have reduced manning levels by half, a cost-saviog that should make Liverpool more competitive and able to attract more custom.

Many of the dockers sacked in the dispute were approaching retirement; their age must partly explain their bizarre attempt to force a revival of the National Dock Labour

Scheme, A reversal of the growth in activity over the past five years at the Port of Liverpool would kill off attempts to revive business on Merseyside, and the hope must be that the settlement will allow old wounds to heal.

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YOU DON'T have to be blessed with handsome knees to fly with, or work for, British Airways, But it could help. BA has regis-tered its own tartan, and aptly chose Burns Night to reveal the "colours" of red, white and blue and the name "British Airways Tartan". The tartan was formally registered at a ceremony at Glasgow's-Turnberry Hotel last night, conducted by the Scottish Tartan Society and involving a solemn ritnal of prayers, toasts and dedications before the tar-

tan was sworn in. Though British Cale-donian, which BA acquired in 1987, had long sport-ed tartan uniforms, BCal never had its "own" tartan. Ties have been made for the crew, and the BA "check" will be seen on mugs, cushions and napkins in Club World cabins on long-haul aircraft. Iron-ically, the tartan will not be woven north of the Border but by two Lancashire companies as cotton was the stipulated material.

Full house

GRANADA, fresh from winning the battle for Forte, is off to a cracking start if table bookings at The Savoy are any guide. John Dear, managing director of Lazards, advis-er to Granada, reportedly cannot secure a table there today to thank, Jonathan Clare; joint managing director of PR firm Citigate. Will they try a Little Chei?

economics will at last replace national ego and technology-obsessed engineers in the decision-making. In the post-war years, almost every industrialised nation thought it needed an aerospace industry to secure its national defence and ensure its mas-tery of leading-edge technology. Re-gional planes — carrying 19 to 100 passengers, were seen as technically achievable and afordable But, the IFIT'S been tough secondguessing Lord Hanson or achievable and afordable. But the er the years, here's your airline industry moved into bigger chance. At 10am next planes to win economies of scale, Vednesday, at Hanson's

BOMBARDIER (Canada **]** 63 THE WORLD'S REGIONAL AIRCRAFT MAKERS Including Short Br Canadair Jet 50 s m 36 s Dash 8 Turbo DORNIER (Germany) D228 Turboprop 19 seats L 17 0328 Furboprop 33 seat Do 328 a AND FAIRCHILD (US) ERO INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL 00 Turboprop 19 a Alenia (Italy) 33% Avro RJ Jat 80-100 seats Net ord 1995 ATR 72 Turboprop 74 seats ATR 42 Turboprop 50 seats Jeistnaam 41 Turboprop 29 s Backtog

Planemakers grounded by economics of common sense

Ross Tieman finds a revolution sweeping omething truly remarkable is happening among the world's regional aircraft manufactur-

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sense is spreading like a virus, shrivel-ling state aid, killing off the weak. Just how far this cull of an overmined orders and prices, leaving the populated and deeply unhealthy indus-try will be allowed to run before old industry with massive overcapacity. Governments invariably responded

with subsidies. But as the losses have grown, taxpayers have become increasingly reluctant to help. Canada bit the bullet first, shuffling first de Havilland, then Canadair into the private sector, accompanied by a farewell payoff. Britain did the same with Short Brothers in Belfast, providing a third opportunity for Bombardier, the Canadian transport equipment group, to pick up something for next to nothing. Now Daimler-Benz and the Dotch Government have taken fright at Fokker losses, estimated to total 3 billion guilders (£1.2 billion) and pulled the plog. And Charles Million, the French Defence Minister, has announced

Acrospace, whose Avro RJ "whisper jet" is the prime competitor for the FIOD and its smaller sister, the F70, has faced a similar challenge. But BAe confronted its regional aircraft problem back in 1992, using the cashflow from its big defence business to take a £1 billion write-off for losses and restructuring.

be the most cost-effective aerostructures-maker in the world. Its Avro regional jet business has cut production to just 18 a year, booked 37 net orders in 1995, and aims to get back into profit in 1997. BAes Jetstream turbo-prop business has ended produc-tion of the ATP and halted output of the 19-seat Jetstream 31. It now makes just

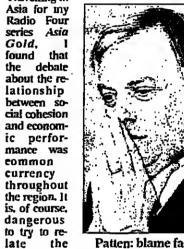
Jetstream 41, at a reduced rate. In the long-term. even the future of

Further consolidation is inevitable: in doubt. For without so is the extension of partnership regard for the pain arrangements. Governments and industry are beginning to acknowledge suffered in the West, some developing that developing a 100-seat jet costs little less than building a 400-seater selling for four times the price. If the 100countries are using seater is to pay its way, sales volumes must be much higher.

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Learning from the successes of the 'Tigers' Edward Stourton on achieving social cohesion and economic growth achieved with little dissent. he area around Shenzhen, the special The Malaysians offer that success as an answer to one of economic zone just across Hong Kong's border the big puzzles in the debate with China, boasts the fastabout the economic impact of est economie growth in the what have become known as world. The millionaires who Asian values. Some of the virtues lumped together under that term are obviously have built their fortunes on the back of Deng Xiaoping's capitalist experiment cannot leave the country to spend economic: it is easy to see why hard work can drive economie growth, and the Asian tradition of thrift is reflected in the high savings rates of what they have made, so the inflated wildly; a not espe-cially good bottle of brandy costs the equivalent of £900. many Tiger economies. But why should the Confucian respect for family, community The average income in Chiand authority contribute to economic success? Chris Patna's poorest agricultural regions can be as low as £100 a ten, Governor of Hong Kong, year; someone earning that would have to work for nine points out that not so long ago years without spending to accumulate the cost of a Confucianism was being blamed for the lack of eco-

decent drink in Shenzhen. nomie progress in East Asia. The existence of such ex-tremes of wealth and poverty The Malaysian response is that those values have made it possible to achieve the social within a single nation is a vivid illustration of the dancohesion they need to keep gers of economic growth withgrowing. Chinese business, out social cohesion; there are with most in lose from positive some China watchers who discrimination, seems to acbelieve regional economie cept it partly because of the culinequalities could turn the tural tradition that sees the Middle Kingdom into a Bosnatioo as an extension of oia on a monstrous scale. family and partly because of a Travelling in



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Asian expea self-confident phase of rience too closely to our own. development and that its But the newly fashionable values will be eroded as trend of "Tigerism" - the search for lessons in the ;; surely as Victorian values success of the Asian Tigers have in Britain. Others, like - can be illuminating.

David Howell, the Conser-Malaysia provides pervative MP, say that "these haps the best case-study of societies may not be behind

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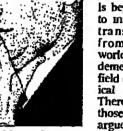
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owned equally by BAe. Acrospatiale, the French state aircraft company, and Alenia, part of state-controlled Finmeccanica. By combining in this way, the partners can share the high cost of sales and support to small aircraft around the world, while intensifying pressure on their independentlyowned assembly companies to reduce costs. But competitiveness and profit-ability will not be achieved overnight. especially at ATR, which is burdened by high social costs and old-fashioned attitudes.

The second likely survivor is Bom-bardier, which has proved adept at rationalising former state-owned plants, cutting costs, and using computers for simultaneous design engineering around the world to cul development costs and speed programmes. It could yet pick the bones from the Fokker jet business, slotting the F70/F100 above its own, newly launched 50-seat Canadair jet.

The third survivor is Saab Aircraft as a niche player, thanks to its Saab 2000 high-speed, 58-seat turbo-prop, al-though it might combine with another player.



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AGM, he is to reveal to the world the new name of a 1.000-hectare develop-ment by Hanson Land known as the Peterborough Southern Township. What name will he announce? Offers on postcards only, please.

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IF YOU see a Natwest bank managers wearing a tin hat, here's why. A campaign advertising "rock bottom" interest rates has backfired somewhat. The 225 branches that open on Saturday: were given gi and yellow striped rock, with "NatWest" through the centre, to hand out Among the lucky branches were Brighton, East Grinstead, Scunthorpe, Gran-tham - but not Blackpool. Sadiy, two metal staples were found in two of its 96,000 sticks. So NatWest ordered: Do not consume. Destroy or return to nearest NatWest branch. To date, we've had only 20 calls from customers to

our hotime and no closed accounts" said its lady at the end of the pier. ON MONDAY, in the wake of a High Court judgment in their favour (City Diary, January 18), nine private-client bro-kers formerly with Greig Middleton started at their new firm Brewin Dolphin in Birmingham. Yesterday, the H-person institutional team that worked together at Greig Middle-ton in Glasgow were again united when three of the remaining four who had otherwise been on 12 months' gardening leave reported for duty at BD's Glasgow office.

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leaving too many little aircraft chasing space and defence contractors, who too few tinpot airline customers. At the same time, acro engineers in have built up maslove with their craft and disdainful of

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clear over the next year or two. The

Dutch Government is under intense

pressure to perform yet another Fokker

bail-out, while the Chinese and Kore-

ans are clamouring to become aircraft

Even so, the omens are better than at

any time in the past half-century that

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cost created unaffordable machines. The wing of Dornier's pride and joy, the 328-110, is an engineering master-piece, smooth as can be, with nary a river in sight. But who can afford to pay \$9.1 million dollars for a 33-seat turbo-

prop? Operators of planes like this run on a shoestring — their priorities are cheap to lease and cheap to fly. Local carriers with an eye to the bottom line rent second-hand planes from an oversupplied market and keep them in the air for decades. No wonder Dornier booked only nine orders for its 328 last year. The plane cost about DMI billion (£446 million) to develop. Daimler-Benz, Dornier's parent, wants out. You can't run an aircraft business on numbers like those.

The rot started long ago. But several elements have combined to trigger the industry shakeout now under way. First, the aviation industry slump of the late 1980s and early 1990s under-

sive losses selling aireraft and aero. engines below cost. Fokker's probphenomenon: intense price competi-

tion at the bottom end of the airliner market. Determined to win back customers from Airbus Industrie, its upstart European rival, Boeing of America has been offering its smallest plane, the 108 to 132-seat Boeing 737, for as little as \$20 million, betting on a 25 per cent cut in production costs by the time the planes have to be delivered. McDonnell Douglas, meanwhile, was so desperate to launch its 95-seat MD-95 twin-jet that it cut prices to little more than \$15 million a plane to win a 50-aircraft order from Valulet, an American carrier. This had a devastating impact on the price that airlines were willing to pay for Fokker's 109-seat F100 twin-jet, which used to sell for \$24 to \$30 million. The company racked up massive losses. British

have become increasingly reluctant to help

their low labour costs to undercut prices on lems have been exacerbated by a new smaller planes. Embraer of Brazil, now owned by a buyout team including Wasserstein Perella, the New York buyout artists, has unveiled a surprisingly good 50-seat regional jet, the EMB-145. And in Indonesia, IPTN, the state aircraft company, has achieved certification for its 50-seat CN-235 turbo-prop and with orders guaran-

teed from national airlines. Russian manufacturers, too, have the skills, capacity and low labour costs needed to mount a strong challenge in regional aircraft markets, if they can learn commercial skills. Picking likely survivors is not easy

but there are some favourites. First, Acro International Regional (AIR), a regional aircraft marketing operation formed by BAe and ATR, a Franco-Italian joint venture that builds turboprops in Toulouse, France. AIR is

To secure markets, and accommodate Asian industrial ambitions, AIR is now competing against Boeing to partner China and Korea in designing and producing an Asian Express 100seat jet. For AIR, this would be an opportunity to improve access to the world's fastest-growing aircraft mar-ket, replace the Avro range while sharing the \$2 billion development cost, and perhaps to recruit Chinese partners to contribute to developing a new Airbus super-jumbo, the A3XX.

Boeing, which already has Japanese partners on its 777 sub-jumbo, has similar goals. Regional aircraft manufacture is at last becoming a commercial, and international business, governed by the laws of economics. Taxpayers across Europe should heave a sigh of relief.

us, catching up and going the Asian model for achievthrough what we went ing social cohesion. Its methods may seem extreme. through ... they may be societies which are leapbut then so was the challenge it faced. It is a potenfrogging our trials and tially volatile racial mix of tribulations ... and going Chinese, Indian and native down another path". Malay, and there used to be The most provocative comacute economic inequalities ment in my investigation between the groups. At the time of the 1060 race riots. the Malays made up more than 50 per cent of the population but owned only 2

per cent of the country's

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To redress the balance, the

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came not from Asia but America. Peter Berger, of the Institute for the Study of Economie Culture in Boston. says that in the West's hightech and consumption based economies the values prized in Asia could be positively damaging; that "wastefulness not saving, buying on credit, interest in self-realisation rather than working for one's grandchildren" could he the new economic virtues. "Not", he admitted, "a morally edifying vision - but it could be economically functional."

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a system of racial quotas. It Asio Gold. Sunday, Januis social engineering on a grand scale and has been ary 28, 4.15pm.

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On this view, the economy as

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remain in balance.

ony Blair, the Labour. leader, triggered off a new stage in the polit-ical debate when he launched his "Stakeholder Society" idea on an unsuspecting nation.

Interpretation and reactions varied wildly, as friend and foe alike tried on the new clothes for size - and mostly found that they could be adjusted and trimmed to fit pretty well any political figure from Seventies-style trade unionism to shapes well to the right of the political centre.

A wagon for everyone to hitch his team to, or a complex new theme to be developed and polished over time? Or perhaps just an empty slogan. as most oppooents have has-tened to charge. It is dangerous for a politi-

cally innocent businessman to wander far into the pre-election minefield of controversial social ideas, and I have no intention of doing so. On the other hand, the concept of "stakeholders" has well-defined meaning in business theory, and there may be some value in setting it out in simple terms — at least as seen through the eyes of a practitio-ner of nearly 40 years' experience in one of the world's largest and most successful companies. I leave it to Mr Blair and his friends to draw the parallels -- if they see any. As anyone charged with corporate governance will at-test, the public listed company



tent that it meets and satisfies - in quantifiable and measured terms - the needs and requirements of a variety of stakeholders. The providers of its resources — shareholders, lenders and employees; the providers of its services - suppliers, agents and distributors; the providers of its context society and governments. The company answers those complex but interrelated chal-

lenges by one single means — by satisfying its customers or consumers with goods or ser-vices which they have agreed to purchase, at a price which demonstrates value added. Its ultimate stakeholder, therefore, is its customer, without whose approval the whole process is meaningless.

in a free market economy like ours, the whole boiling survives and prospers to the ex- works, because the customer by deepening and shifting per-.

Tony Blair's new concept already has a clear meaning in everyday business, says Sir Michael **Perry**, left

> ceptions of the impact of our actions on the environment. Also the precise nature of social consent may be subject to constant redefinition, but our very system depends on the existence of values, norms and standards which competitive "stakeholding" companies have to sadsfy.

There is nothing soft, woolly mony, but sometimes sharply or "liberal" about that concept just hard, everyday busi-ness reality. The disciplines of competition are very exacting. Within the company itself, these realities apply. Employ-ees of all levels are both plex web of interrelated and resource and stakeholder. As tems, operating in accordance with values, norms and stanresource, they are subject to all the rigours of competitive reality - their number, their quality, their training, their cost. Their position as stakeholders is dictated by personal Sir Michael Perry is the and family necessity, guaran- chairman of Unilever

teed by the competitive need of the company for their services, and enshrined in the principles and norms of our society. Just to hammer it home, employees are increasingly shareholders too.

As the forces of global competition intensify, the pressure on companies increases both to economise on the number of employees they deploy as a resource, yet to strengthen their long-term commitment and develop their full potential as stakeholders. There are wider consequences for society in terms of longterm unemployment and social exclusion. It is primarily for politicians, not business people, to address these problems, which is why stake holding as a concept can reach beyond the firm.

However, the role of management is clear. Quite simply to maximise the benefit to the whole undertaking of getting the stakeholder balance right. For companies, getting it right is no easier than it is for poliocians. And the consequences of getting it wrong can be just as terminal.

Best management practice today sets out to harness all those stakeholder interests in pursuit of the same goal: the securing and retaining of customer preference. In politics, the customer is the voler. Bon chance, Mr Blair.

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BUSINESS NEWS/LAW

Unions welcome **CBI** backing for higher real pay

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITO

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TRADE UNION and Labour Party leaders yesterday welcomed the Confederation of Brilish Industry's endorsement of higher real wages and employees having a larger slice of the country's wealth. The shift by the confedera-

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tion may alarm some CBI traditionalists, but the new business line on pay could prove attractive to ministers in the Government's new economic drive, agreed by the Cabinet this week, to try to

LOOKERS, the motor distri-

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Lookers makes

£25m Ulster deal

By MARTIN BARROW

promote the return of the "feelgood" factor. John Monks, TUC General Secretary, led the approval of the shift on pay signalled by Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, in a speech to personnel managers yester-day, which he said "clearly recognised that a valued, wellmotivated workforce" was good for business. The TUC leader said: "This is the way to promote competitiveness and protect individuals at work."

technology."

In his speech to an Institute of Personnel and Develop-ment conference, Mr Turner said it was not in the economy's interest for employees to on time to be given an ever-smaller slice of the country's wealth. "We must develop a framework giving employees opportunites, prospects and participation in the economy's

from a rights issue of new shares at 125p each and a subscription by Hamilton London: "We cannot expect, Finance for 975,000 shares at 144p. Existing shares reand would not want, the share of national income given to wages to decline indefinitely. As we achieve sustained economic growth we must accept that average earnings growth will tend to exceed price rises over the long run. This will not be economic suicide, if reward is driven by the right factors; namely sustainable productivity and profitability

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Hamilton, a subsidiary of Woodchester Investments. the Irish-based financial services group, owns almost 30 per cent of Lookers, to fall to 24.4 per cent after the rights issue and an issue of consideration shares to Hurst's Lookers will use the new funds to pay a E19_5 million

Hurst, along with bank bor-rowings of up to £7.4 million. In addition, Lookers is to sell to Woodchester the assets of Adelaide, Hurst's finance business, for £3.4 million. Lookers yesterday reported a fall in pre-tax profits to E6.5 million, from £7 million, in the year to September 30. Earnings per share fell to 15.2p (19p). A 5.4p final divi-dend makes 7.9p (7.5p).

In his speech, previewed by The Times yesterday. Mr Turner gave some support to Labour's stakeholder proposals. A senior Labour soure said: "What the director-general is recognising is that economies which grow fastest are those with companies who involve their workers in the future of the company. We have long argued that the route to competitiveness for Britain is not down the road of low wages and cheap labour but of building a workforce with high skills and high

success — dare I say a stakeholding, "he said. He told the conference in

improvements.

While he was not giving the green light to a pay giveaway. Mr Turner said that Britain could now afford longer-term growth in real wages because the wage-price spiral has been broken in this recovery thanks to greater labour market flexibility. The rival Institute of Direc-

tors said its position on pay was unchanged: "11's up to the market and employers to de-cide the level necessary to retain good employees."



Home front Ian Homersham, left, and George Pope

Mixed fortunes in property market

dential estate agent, said demand for property in the better streets and squares of central London had lifted prices to a record in the past six months,

Standard Chartered dismisses bid talk BY PATRICIA TEHAN

BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Standard Chartered look a tumble yesterday after the bank said that it was not in bid talks.

A brief statement was made in response to a request from the London Stock Exchange, which had become concerned about recent rises in its share

On Friday, the shares rose 5 per cent to 618p and yesterday they hit 662 p, an increase of 101 p, or 18 per cent, this month, before the announcement sent them back to 638p. Standard Chartered had refused to comment on specula tion at the weekend centred on a possible bid from NatWest, or a German bank.

However, in response to the inquiry from the Stock Ex-change, Standard Chartered said that it was not aware of any circumstances leading to the recent movement in its share price.

But analysts believe that Standard Chartered remains a bid target. There have also been reports that it is close to a sale of its loss-making Asian securities business.

Last week saw four positive reports from brokers on Standard Chartered. BZW said the bank had growth potential and that its share price could

reach 710p. It predicted that increased loan volumes, higher margins and tight cost control would contribute to a 16 per cent growth in earnings this year. BZW is forecasting pre-tax profits of £640 million for 1995, up from £510 million in 1994

Malcolm Williamson, Standard Chartered's chief execunpturn in prices, The company, where George Pope and Ian Homersham are tive, said in a staff note last November that the board saw the future of the bank as an independent company.

joint chalrmen, is holding the interim dividend at 0.75p a share after pre-tax profits fell to £231.000 from £301.000 in the NatWest has refused to comment on the bid rumours. But it has recently stated that its objectives are to build up its investment banking private banking and UK retail franhalf-year to October 31. Earnings fell to 1.8p (2.3p) a share. The increasing value of agricultural land was attracting chise, which, according to ana-lysts, means that Standard Chartered is not a logical choice. investors, with farms achiev-

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Surge in bad debts hits bank profits

NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK, which owns the Yorkshire Bank, Clydesdale Bank and Northern Bank, yesterday blamed a deteriorating economic climate in Britain for a surge in had debts. Unveiling a fall in profits from its UK and Irish banking activities from A\$91 million (£44.2 million) to A\$79 million for the first quarter of the year to December, the bank said that it had been forced to raise its provisions for bad debt at the Varkebing Bank had debts at the Yorkshire Bank.

National Australia Bank, which has made no secret of its desire to make further acquisitions in the UK, particularly southern England, however pushed up its overall net profits
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li.8 per cent to A\$513 million, helped by a first-time contribution from Michigan National Bank, its new US acquisition.
Don Argus, managing director, said that activity was slowing in all of the economies in which the bank operated.

Tate & Lyle ahead

TATE & LYLE, the sugar producer, said yesterday it sees first-quarter profits "modestly above" last year's for the same period and in line with its own expectations. This would be in spite of a decline at Staley, its US subsidiary. The impact on earnings will be mitigated by the hedging position taken on maize and further cost reductions. Tate & Lyle said. Group pre-tax profits for the first half of the current financial year are expected to be ahead of last year, when they were £152.8 million. The company's shares fell 8p to 463p.

Witan advances

WITAN, the investment trust managed by Henderson Touche Remnant, saw a 15.5 per cent rise in net asset value per share. to 290.8p, in the year to December 31. Earnings per share were 1.65 per cent up, at 6.76p. The dividend for the year rises from 6.1p to 6.45p, with a final payment of 3.5p due on March 14. Witan said its long-term policy was to invest in a diversified international portfolio. It said that there is no reason to think that markets are about to collapse, and predicted that, as long as earnings continue to impress, markets will climb higher.

Tugendhat for Circle

LORD TUGENDHAT is to be the next chairman of Blue Circle Industries, the construction materials company. He will succeed Sir Peter Walters, who is to retire after the company's annual meeting, on May 22. Lord Tugendhat, who yesterday joined the board of Blue Circle as non-executive director. remains chairman of Abbey National and a con-executive director of The BOC Group and Eurotunnel, He was chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority for five years and is a former vice-president of the European Commission.

Charity funds recover

UK charity funds achieved a total return of 19 per cent in 1995, recovering strongly from a poor showing in 1994, when they recorded a negative return of -5 per cent. The WM Company's preliminary survey of UK charity fund performance said that, over a five-year period, returns averaged 15 per cent a year, against retail price inflation of about 3 per cent. Over a ten-year period, charity funds have beaten inflation by about 8 per cent a year. The average UK charity yield was about 5 per cent in 1995, slightly up on 1994.

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BY MARTIN BARROW JOHN D WOOD, the resias potential vendors await an

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LvL (Legal Aid Taxation) Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John Balcombe Undement January 241 It was not appropriate in a taxation of legal aid costs under Order 62 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to

fix the solicitors' direct costs artificially low and adjust the total by inflating the amount for general care and conduct so as to arrive at a fair total.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal brought by the plaintiff's solicitors against the decision of Mr Justice Cazalet (The Times January 29, 1993; [1994] 2 FCR ISS) when, sitting with an assessor, he confirmed a taxation f costs conducted by Mr District Judge Segal.

The fact the judge had with only one assessor was not a matter to which objection was taken and was a regulatory failure which did not nullify the proceedings.

Mr Kenneth Craig for the solicitors: the Legal Aid Board did not appear and was not represented. LORD JUSTICE NEILL said

that in March 1990 Mrs L instructed the solicitors in wardship proceedings. Legal aid was

for the Home Department,

Before Lord Justice Staughton.

Lord Justice Ward and Sir Ralph

Citizens of member states of the

European Union did not have an

unqualified right of residence in

any other member state as a result

Ex parte Vitale

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granted. The solicitors carried out various work and in due course lodged a bill of costs for taxation under regulation 107 of the Civil Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1989 No 339) and Order 62, rule 12

The bill claimed £60 an hour for a partner and E50 an hour for a legal executive. The district judge allowed £45 and £30 respectively In accordance with Order 62, rule 35 the solicitors applied for a review and lodged objections to the hourly charging rate. The district judge upheld his earlier decision.

The matter had first come to the Court of Appeal in February 1994 but it was adjourned to enable the Lord Chancellor's Department or the Legal Aid Board to be represented. In the event neither wished

to be Their Lordships had been referred to a number of cases which appeared to establish the following:

I Solicitors' remuneration was made up of two elements: (i) an hourly rate which represented the broad average direct costs and (ii) a percentage mark-up for care and conduct: In re Eastwood: Lloyds Bonk Ltd v Eastwood (11975) Ch

112): Leopold Lazarus Ltd v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (The Times April 7, 1976); R v Wilkinson (1980) I WLR 396) and Johnson v Reed Corrugated Cases Ltd (1992 | All ER 169). 2 The broad average direct costs were assessed by reference to

Johnson (at p177). 3 The relevant time was the time at which the work was done and no account was to be taken of inflation.

4 The district judge could draw on his own information as well as information from local firms and surveys. The value of the latter was recognised in KPMG Peat Morwick McLintock v HLT Group Ltd [1995] 2 Ali ER 1801 and in in re A Company (No 004081 of 1989) (1995) 2 All ER 155).

An artificial inflationary figure should not be used to correct inadequate hourly rates: see Loveday v Renton (No 2) (1992) 3 All ER 184) and Brush v Bower Cotton & Cotton (a Firm) [[1993]) WLR 1325). Accordingly, the appropriate hourly rate was the actual rate.

His Lordship would endorse those propositions with certain qualifications. It was important to place at the forefront the opening words of Order 62, rule 12. The reason the words "reasonable amount" were used was because it was necessary to assess the work of a hypothetical solicitor by looking at the costs incurred by other solicitors in the same area.

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The taxing master could take account of all relevant information, including his knowledge of the costs of other solicitors, the costs allowed to other solicitors and the results of surveys.

In the present case, Mr Craig submined that the judge had fallen into error by correcting an improp-erly depressed figure at the first stage of the taxation to justify an excessive mark-up.

His Lordship found there was force in counsel's submissions. Too much importance had been attached to the average figure allowed in the past. According ngly. his Lordship would order that the reasonable costs in the present case were those which had been originally claimed.

Lord Justice Aldous delivered a concurring judgment and Sir John Balcombe agreed.

Solicitors: Baden Barnes Groves & Co.

EU right of residence has economic base

Regina v Secretary of State Maastricht Treaty, provides: "(i) for the Home Department, Every citizen of the union shall have the right to move and reside freely within the territory of the member states, subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in this treaty and by the measures adopted to give it effect." Mr Peter Duffy and Mr Paul Stanley for the appellant: Mr Richard Plender, QC, for the surretary of state.

of article 8a of the EC Treaty, as LORD JUSTICE STAUGH inserted by article G.C of the Trease on European Union (1992 Of C224). TON, giving the judgment of the court, said that the issue was whether the Maastricht Treaty The Court of Appeal so held in a conferred a directly effective right reserved judgment dismissing Vitturio Vitale's appeal against the to reside in the United Kingdom even when the appellant was actiter employed nor seeking work with genuine prospects of obtaining it and when he did not have sufficient resources to avoid refusal of Mc Justice Judge in the Queen's Bench Division (The Times April 18, 1995; in quash the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department in becoming a burden on the social February 1994 that he was not assistance system of the UK durlawfully resident in the United ing the period of his residence.

The EC Treaty had had een-The appellant was a citizen of nomic unity as its purpose. Accord-Italy who entered the UK in June ingly a right of residence was 1993. He received income support originally granted only to the after claiming that he was seeking economically acrive nationals of The secretary of state had inmember states under articles 48 (freedom of movement for work). formed the appellant that as he 52 (freedom of establishment of was not seeking work with a genuine chance of ubtaining it, he business) and 59 (freedom of provision of services). was in the UK in a non-conomic

canacity and had become a burden The extent of the right of on public funds and was therefore residence under article 48 was not lawfully resident in the UK considered in R r Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Antonissen (Case C-292/89) (The under European law and should make arrangements to leave the Times Fabruary 27, 1991; [1991] country. The effect of the decision was to end the appellant's right to ECR | 745).

The Court of Justice of the European Communities there held Article & of the EC Treaty, as amended by article G.C of the Treaty on European Union, the that it was not contrary to Community law for the legislation of a

member state to provide that a national of another member state who entered the first state in order to seek employment could he required to leave that state if he had not found employment there after six months unless he provided evidence that he was continuing to seek employment and that he had genuine chances of being engaged.

Il that case was still good law. Mr Vitale could not challenge the lawfulness of the secretary of state's decision to require him to leave.

The Maastricht Treaty had made numerous and far-reaching amendments to the EC Treaty Mr Duffy submitted that article 8 had conferred a free standing directly effective right of residence which could not be limited by the domestic law of the host state in the way which found approval in Antonissen.

Mr Justice Judge had rejected those submissions and in the court's judgment he was right to do so. The citizen's right to move and reside freely was expressly made subject to the limitations and conditions laid down in the Treaty and by the measures adopted to give it effect.

Article 48, as it had been interpreted by the European Court of Justice, did limit the right of residence of the national who was seeking work in another state. Mr Vitale had entered as a worker and his rights to work and to remain here for work were governed by article 48 and the limitations inherent in it.

If it had been intended to sweep aside the limitations upheld in Antonissen and to confer a general

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Each of those directives was a measure adopted to give effect to the Treaty and each of them contained the limitation on the right of residence that the visiting national should not become a burden on the social assistance system of the host member state-The right of residence conferred by article 8a was, therefore, still

nationals now had a general right of residence by virtue of article Sa. that seemed to ignore the plain words that the article 8a right of residence was made subject to the limitations and conditions contained in measures such as those directives.

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Solicitors: Mr Robert Noden.

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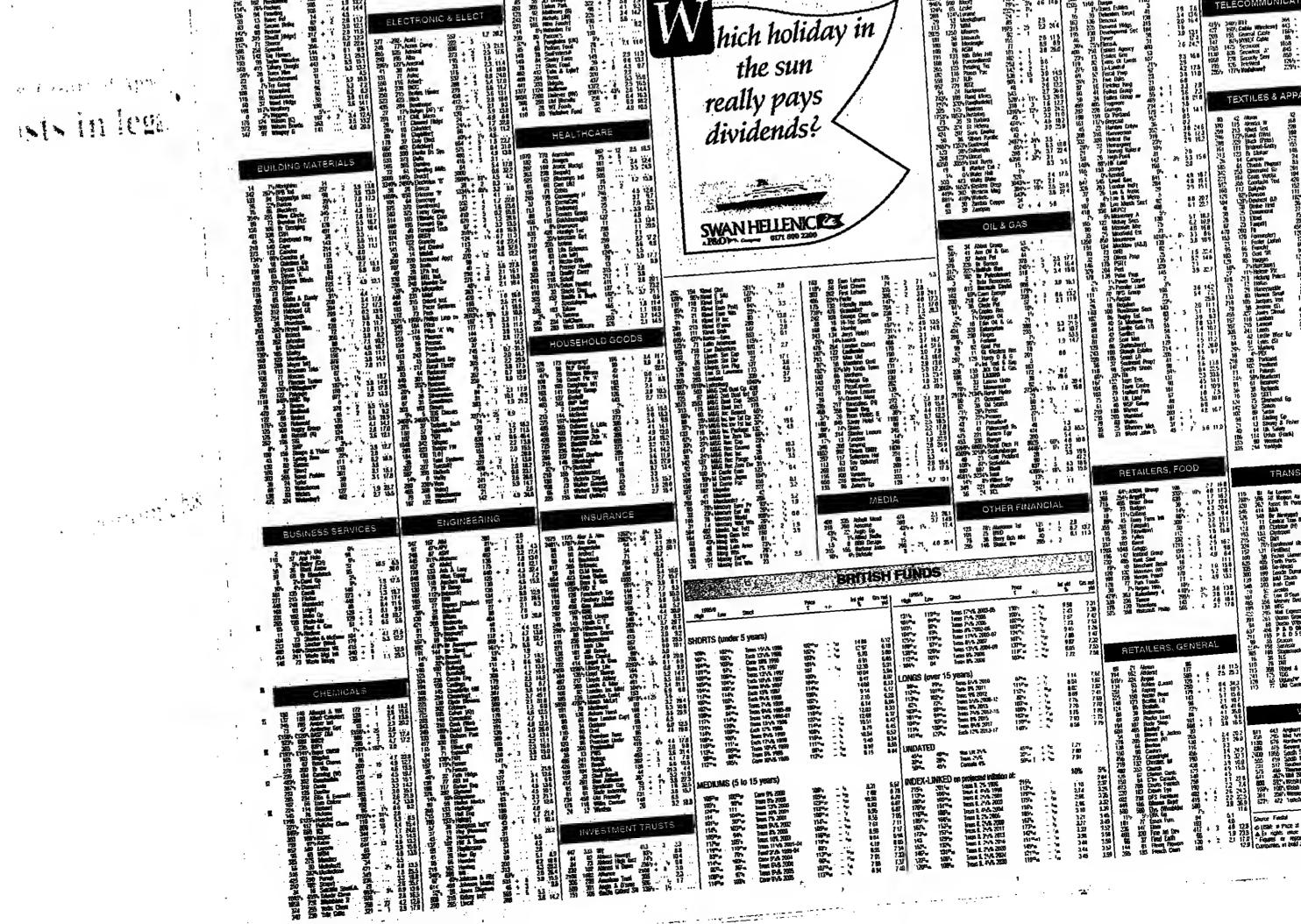
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xpect the assembled tabbies and alley-cats to do zoologically improbable things at the New London Theatre at about 10.30 on Monday night. Rumour says that the cast of Cats will launch into a hit number from A Chorus Line, maybe wearing spangled toppers above their stripy. pointed ears, maybe not. Either way, und gesture of respect to a rival halted the curtain call. "Please leave now." I recall Brian that has succumbed to the inexorable tramp of endless. paws. Monday is when Andrew Lloyd Webber's tribute to the feline classes overtakes Michael Bennett's celebration of showbiz as the longestrunning musical in the history of either the West End or Broadway. It is a phenomenon that defies belief. It would be less preposterous to cast Pavarotti as Pooh and ask him to pitch. into A. A. Milne's hums about honey. After all, the tenor's fans would follow him were he dressed as a teddy bear, Fungus the Bogeyman or Fer-dinand the Bull. Certainly, it is hard to think of an idea more likely to fail than that of putting a lot of British dancers and singers into moggie outfits and getting them to prance about a rubbish dump emit-ting snippets of T.S. Eliot. How could Cats run ten performances, let alone 6,138 and rising? Much was against it on that first night back in May 1981. Judi Dench had withdrawn as Grizabella the Glamour Cat after snapping her Achilles

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale explains the appeal of *Cats*, the world's longest-running musical

tendon, and Elaine Paige had taken her place at virtually no ootice. Only during the previews bad all the finance for the show been found, and even then technical troubles had threatened to delay or even

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pelt or being airlifted Close Encounters-style to a reincarnation in the flies: but Josie Walker, the present Grizabella, finds the same elegiac sweetness in Memory. The rest of the cast is well up to

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an there be a leaner. tenser sound in all music than that of the Emerson Quartet ripping into Beethoven? The answer is probably yes: try this fearsome foursome ripping into Bartók. In Turin recently the Emer-sons played all six Bariok quartets in one concert. Part of me longs to have been there: the other doesn't. I can imagine listeners emerging from

wrecks. Now the Americans have come to London to play all the Beethoven quartets ut ten days - a comparative dawdle. But any illusion that the cycle will be a relaxed and urbane affair can be swiftly dispelled. This is Beethoven taken far beyond the comfort zone: audacious in spirit and in technical display. It is Beethoven recast for our fraught and fractious century. In short, it is Beethoven played like Bartók. And it is utterly gripping, at

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least in the urgent, youngman-in-a-hurry world of the early quartets. How the Emer-sons think their way into the traumas of the scherzo.

Ripping into Ludwig

Emerson Quartet **Queen Elizabeth Hall**

metaphysical mysteries of the late masterpieces will only emerge next week - but it certainly won't be dull.

key-changes, a stunning clar-The intensity never slackens, even in as famously ity of texture, and a telepathic rapport that allows the trickiexpressive a slow movement esi variations in pace or phrasas the Adogio molto e mesto of ing to be executed unani-Op 59. No 1, which followed mously. Perhaps most Op 18 Nos 3 and 1 on important of all, the Emersons Wednesday. Indeed, that inhave the capacity to think big. to relish the orchestral dimenterpretation was so powerful because it seemed like an sion in these quartets and their extension, not a relaxation, of epic emotional demands. The the stressful and questing first series continues tonight; don't movement, and the stabbing miss out.

But then, intensity is a built-RICHARD MORRISON

platform, but there was noth-

The wood and the trees

Aristoph von Dohnanyi makes two appearances with the Philharmonia Orchestra this week, and the first concert on Wednesday brought reminders of his special qualities. Contrasting works by Schoenberg, Mozart and Beethoven were all stamped with individuality, yet in all three he displayed the same meticulous attention to texture while never allowing small detail to obscure his broad view of the

musical forms. Dohnanyi was thwarted only by the dull playing of Emanuel Ax In Mozart's A major Piano Concerto, K488. Elsewhere, however, the orchestra, of which he is principal guest conductor, was alert responsive to his and demands. Indeed, he was splendidly

served by the 15 players with

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Philharmonia/ ing studgy about his newly Dohnányi inspiring account of the music. The slow opening was stormy and full of tension that erupted in the ensuing Vivace. **Festival Hall** The middle movements were carefully shaped and consounded misleadingly efforttrolled, and the finale driven less, but this ease of expression was not achieved at the exwith brio to an exultant close.

pense of its organised, coher-There was little of the same spark in the evening's perforent structure. mance of the Mozart. Dohnanyi set a gentle pace at Sections of rapt lyricism contrasted with others of tenthe start and drew refined derness and vigorous, nervous energy - the vital ingredients accompaniments from the orthis key work in chestra, but Ax was a stub-Schoenberg's outpul (1906) that finds the composer metamorphosing, from a late-Romantic into an Expressionist. While the Emerson Quartet was beginning its Beethoven cycle next door (reviewed above), the composer was also

CHOOSE FROM THESE DESTINATIONS

born soloist, in places heavyhanded - heavy-pedalled in the blurry cadenza - and lacking anything more than generalised Mozartian grace. The Adagio took time to work its ethereal magic. Orchestral attack in the finale dominating proceedings in the Festival Hall. For this perforwas excellent - but outstrip-ping the soloist's hrilliance is mance of the Seventh Symphonot wr at concertos are abou ny, Dohnányi favoured a large JOHN ALLISON

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in element of the Emersons

renowned technical ferocity. This is not a quartet that basks. Narcissus-like, in its

beautiful sound. Beauty doesn't much come into it. The Adogio affettuoso of Op 18 No

1. for instance, was stripped of all potential for sentimentality and left stark and bleak: a vision of a wasteland. Raiher, the Emersons' char-acteristics — superbly dis-played in the frenetic scherzow of Op 18 - are needle-sharp articulation, stinging accents. wonderful changes of umbre that have the effect of highlighting Beethoven's crazicr

Blessed's Deuteronomy telling us from inside his **6** Much ludicrous grey fuzz, "There is a was against bomb". Well, there it on that was not and there was. The first night reviewers more than made up for back in the New London's failure to May 1981 9 go off with a bang. Legend says we collectively slated the show for such . more? Good marketing - that obvious disadvantages as a near-total lack of plot, but legend is wrong. We critics variously declared it exhilarating, the cat's pyjamas, breath-taking, unmissable and (The Sunday Telegraph in donnish

Even I, who have sometimes written ungenerously of Lloyd Webber, called his music "vigorous, inventive, even delightful". So it remains, nearly 15 years after the event. Paige may no longer be mooching

mode) euphoniously eclectic.

about in her antique Harrods

requirements. Gus the Theolas Nickelby orchestrated by atre Cat still Puccini and allowed to frolic in mourns the days your back yard one nice, moonlit night. Those are the influences, that is the atmowith Irving and Tree, Bustopher sphere. Perhaps they are enough to persuade Henry to Jones tubbily roams Pall Mail. Mr Mistoffeles talk about Cats to Jane, Jane to spins and twirls, recommend it to Kevin and and Macavity is Tracy - and so to the frenzied and is not there. pyramid-ticketing that still

But what is the

continues.

reason they have now had nine, ten, 20 lives and look like enjoying . several yellow-eyed logo on ads and T-shirts - cannot explain why

ache pills swallowed by the New London box-office staff: the show has been seen by more than seven million the 2.813 miles of cotton used people in London alone. Sentirepairing costumes; the terrifying fact that, if you laid end mental attachment to pets cannot explain why it has to end all the times Memory triumphed even in countries has been played by American where our furry friends end up radio stations, you would have in stews. There is no clear eight years of easy listening reason why Cats should have ahead of you. succeeded at all, let alone taken more than El billion in touched myriads who never theatres from Seoul to Helsinnormally visit the theatre. Not ki to Wichita, Kansas. least, it took the British musi-

Could it be the combination cal over the ramparts of of Gillian Lynne's whizzing Broadway and into the once-

A great voice in early bloom

ne hesitates to plunge into the "star is born" routine lest sharks move in to snatch rising talent away from our beleaguered, low-paying national companies, but there is no denying that this revival of Traviata confirms the blossoming of laire Rutter as a hugely gifted young soprano.

First, the setting that helped her make so thrilling an impact on Wednesday. Richard Armstrong's conducting was free of the smallest whiff of small sentiment; indeed, it was through his brisk, strong rhythmed, fiercely accented reading that real feeling emerged. There was no Mills & Boonery: instead genuinely Verdian anger at a young spirit crushed, a young life wasted. And Armstrong insist-

- ed, via a splendidly combative programme note, on performing the score complete, ignor-
- ing usual cuts and "improvements" to the orchestration. This makes a great difference, especially in the traditionally hacked-about final act, which becomes the true climax of the drama rather than a doleful, somewhat apologene appen-

dage to the main action. It was bere that Rutter came into her own, not that there Real Verdian anger: Paul Charles Clarke, Claire Rutter were thrown off with ease, and OPERA

La Traviata Theatre Royal, Glasgow

mental turmoil. Her soprano is big, bright and athletic -- heavier Verdi than this is only just over the horizon - and it is always exciting to hear so healthy an instrument perfectly capable-Addio del passato and the full of handling the coloratura of version of the dust to bring a

all the notes, even the unwrit-ten high E flat, were securely in the voice. Even better, she made the virtuoso writing mean something dramatical-ly: the reinforced, sforzato Cs at the end of Sempre libera spoke vividly of the character's in the gentler second act she spun long, seamless lines, her tone affectingly pliant when not under pressure, and in the third she used both verses of

Morir si giowane, sung with white-hot passion, was nigh unbearable to witness. She is as yet, relatively inexperienced on stage, but there was a complete lack of artifice to her performance and a directness of expression that were far more stirring than any amount of technical trickery. She could not have wished for a more supportive Alfredo than Paul Charles Clarke, in more mellifluous voice than when he sang the role for WNO last year and bringing fresh musical insights through imaginative phrasing and va-riety of dynamics. He "lives" the role with alarming verisimilitude. René Massis was the experienced Germont, decently sung, played perhaps too blackly. The seven-year-old Nuria Espert production, now in the care of Peter Watson, will do, but the casting of small yet important roles such as Annina, the Doctor and the Marquess is difficult now that companies can no tonger maintain permanent ensem-bles. No criticism of the young singers here, but to flesh out these characters fully it helps to have been around a bit. - RODNEY MILNES

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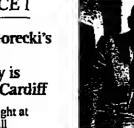




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Noel Coward's classic romance, Private Lives, goes on the road VENUE: Cheltenham this week, then Liverpool

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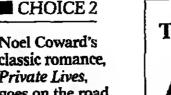
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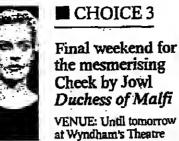
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A cowgirl gets the blues

Joan Osborne has gone from bluegrass country to R&B heaven, says David Sinclair

he has been nominated for five Grammies. Her single, One of Us, is at No 6 in the American chart and going up. Her face will soon be on the cover of Rolling Stone. For most people in Britain the question is still "Joan who?", but not for much longer

"It is a bit scary," Joan Osborne says, referring to the speed with which her career has taken off. "I was invited to sing with Stevie Wonder at the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame not long ago, which was really frightening. Then I got chased by photographers afterwards. That sort of thing makes me feel as if I've stepped into someone else's life and any minute now I'm going to get kicked out again."

On the day One of Us was released here, Osborne played a set at the 275-capacity Borderline club in London's West End. Only about 50 tickets actually reached the hands of the general public - leaving a queue of long faces outside. while inside there was the highest concentration of record company personnel and media tastemakers assembled for a gig since Black Grape played their London debut

Clearly in her element, Osborne and her four-piece band rattled through most of the songs on her forthcoming album, Relish. With a voice steeped in the traditions of blues and R&B, together with an unusual touch of the Appalachian hilibilly country/gospel style of singing that once thrived in her Kentucky homeland, she roamed a stylistic territory somewhere between the best mainstream American rock and the most accessi-ble boundaries of Southern roots music. From the pensive narrative of Pensacola to the funky rhythmic interplay of Spider Web and the pounding, skipped-beat swagger of Right Hand Man ("If he can't fix it. I don't know who can").



After several years of singing cover versions in no-name bars, she recorded Soul Show. a live album of original material which she released on her own Womanly Hips label in 1991. In 1994, she put out a three-song EP, Blue Million Miles, but the breakthrough came with Relish, the album that has already sold a million copies in America.

Written for the most part in conjunction with its producer, Rick Chertoff, along with Eric Bazilian and Rob Hyman of the Hooters, Relish all but reinvents the notion of classic rock. One of the album's most distinctive features is the spiritual dimension which informs the lyrics of songs such as St Teresa and One of Us. Osborne was brought up a Catholic, and while she is

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deeply opposed to the Church's attitude to women and homosexuals, she recognises the influence that organised religion has had on her work. "As a child I was attracted to the drama of the incense and the stained-glass windows and the Stations of the Cross around the church and that whole mystical aspect of it. I guess I still am."

She is no puritan (check the lascivious humour of Let's just get Naked), but many of her songs' do speak to an understanding of the world that goes beyond the temporal. in this. her music resembles that of Van Morrison, another of her early influences.

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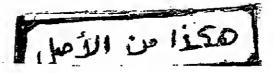
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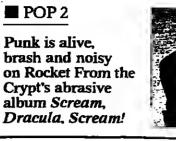
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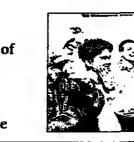
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POP 3 Assembled on one disc for the benefit of his new young fans: the 'best' of **Burt Bacharach**



POP 4 Gene's ragbag of a new album confirms why they are not in the van of the Britpop brigade



Strange brew: epic doses of 'post-rock' make up Tortoise's album Millions Now Living Will Never Die

POP 5

Your mother should know

VARIOUS ARTISTS The Look of Love — The Classic Songs of Burt Bacharach

(Polygram TV 535 190) SO, THE word on the street is that easy-listening is hip, and cheesy is chic. In a bizarre turn of events, the melodically impoverished children of the techno generation have apparently taken a shine to the music of their grandparents. Forget Moby and the Chemi-cal Brothers; Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and Mati Monro are the "new" names to drop. Call me old-fashioned. but it was in order to ovoid these people that I started listening to pop music in the first place.

Now comes The Look of Love, a compilation of songs > written by two of the biggest cheeses of them all, Burt Bacharach and Hal David (although David's contribunon seems to have been quietly airbrushed out of the new Bacharach mythology). And just because I can hum virtually every tune on the album does not mean I wish to hear any of them again now.

Still, here, on one handy disc are the songs that have driven lift engineers and supermarket staff to distraction for 30 years or more: The Look of Love, Do You Know the Way to Son José, Roindrops Keep Follin' on my Head, Trains and Boats and Plones, Alfie, I'll Never Foll In Love Again, You'll Never Get to Heaven (If you Break my Heart) and many more.

Although these are the original recordings by the stars who made them hits in the first place — Dusty Spring-field, Dionne Warwick, B.J. Thomas, Billy J. Kramer, Cilla Black, Bobby Gentry, the Sty-listics and all the rest - the assaults which these song

have suffered nightly in cock-

NEW ALBUMS: gins with a swift, one-minute burst of yobbo chanting called *Middle*, followed immediately Burt Bacharach's by the hurtling battlecry of Born In '69 with its flagship chorus: "I want it, (Whoah, yeah) I need it (Whoah, yeah), I'll steal it (Alright!)." cheese is a hit again with the

With nothing remotely re-sembling a ballad or slow kids, but not with song in sight, the album maintains its ballistic trajec-David Sinclair tory, delivering a barrage of

Olympian, failed to put them in the front rank of the Britpop brigade.

finishing point 14 tracks and brigade. Perhaps fearful of losing momentum while work pro-ceeds on the follow-up, they 43 minutes later. It's a gloriously vital, noisy and clever piece of work, and not a now release To See the Lights, Bacharach song in sight. a stopgap collection of deleted singles, B-sides, radio sessions and dodgy live recordings of

At their best, as on the

dreamy (and much sought-

Sick, Sober & Sorry, they

elegantly combine the melan-

choly wit of the Smiths with

the jaunty guitar sound of the Faces. At their worst, as on a

live version of the Bacharach

and David song I Say o Little

Prayer for You, they sound

like any old bar band with a

less than average singer. Committed fans will enjoy

poring over this stuff for now.

But, to get any further. Gene

will need to achieve a lot more

consistency and originality with the next batch of materi-

al, if and when it comes.

Scream, Dracula, Scream!

RECENTLY; most American

punk has been suspiciously

well-tailored for the teen mar-

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THE CRYPT

they have split up.

TORTOISE Millions Now Living the kind that most acts only Will Never Die (City Slang EFA 04972) get around to assembling after

THE "post-rock" conceptualist ensemble from Chicago, Tortoise, do not travel on the fast after) first single For the Dead, or the more upbeat track. Exhibiting a lofty disre-gard for conventional song structures, their wholly instrumental second album kicks off with Djed. a 20-minute wander round the houses that takes in elements of Kraftwerk, dub-techno and systems music.

thrusting riffs and exhilarat-ing choruses before arriving,

breathless but unbowed, at its

On the more conventionalsounding Glass Museum and The Taut ond Tome they negotiate the sort of grandiose themes and tricky time signatures that have exercised the talents of progressive-rock bands from King Crimson to Ozric Tentacles, while Along the Bonks of Rivers is a contrastingly simple excur-sion into the pop-noir world of

trip-hop twang. Their willingness to stretch and shape their music across unlikely boundaries is laudable, and produces many isolated flashes of inspiration. But the album sound's patch

BLUES These boys can play John Hammond/ **Duke Robillard** Borderline, WC2

THERE have been enough histories of the blues wrinen to fill a small library. John Hammond and fellow Ameri-can guitarist Duke Robillard provided their own with a set which took a capacity audience from the Mississippi Delta to urban Chicago.

Hammond, as befits an artist whose father booked Robert Johnson for Carnegie Hall (death, alas, intervened) supplied the first chapter with a solo acoustic set. His heartfelt, somerimes eerie vocals and stinging bonleneck guitar conjured up a style of prewar blues most of us only know from record.

In contrast, chapter two courtesy of Robillard, sax man Gordon Beadle and acoustie bass-player Marty Ballou plunged the audience straight into the juke joints of Texas and Los Angeles with the music of Joe Turner, B.B. King and Robillard's personal hero, T-Bone Walker. Technically superb. Robillard played with a swing and a restraint too often lacking in

blues performers. The final chapter had Hammond joining Robillard on stage for the Jimmy Reed title track of Hammond's new album, Found Love, plus a joyful tribute to two founding fathers of rock'n roll: Bo Diddley's Diddley Daddy and a song Hammond confessed he had been playing for ever. Chuck Berry's Nodine.

Can white men play the blues? Hainmond and Robillard did — and won by a more



tail lounges and karaoke bars the world over have inevitably taken their toll. And to think we went

through two Woodstocks for

GENE

this.

To See the Lights (Costermonger GENE2) THEY have put a brave face on it. but after all the big talk at the time. Gene must surely have been disappointed that last year's debut album,

ketolace. But men cartoonish qualities and a and suffers from a rather brazen commitment to enterdesultory feel overall. tain, Rocket From the Crypt are the real deal.

A six-man group from San Diego boasting a horn section and led by a singer and

have distilled a super-propulsive sound from a range of influences, most obviously Iggy Pop, the Clash and

TOP TEN ALBUMS guitarist called Speedo, they

Graham Parker and the Rumour. Exploding out of the traps like a rodeo bull, Scream, Draculo, Scream! be-

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> and hi-hats and so on? "No educational in that we all learn through Tortoise: learn

> to master our instruments. open up music to mean something entirely different from

what is expected. "Yknow, we're all from Chicago, and it's real hard to

find unusual music there. It's

different here in England; you

go walking down the street

and you trip over drum'n bass.

reggae, dub, roots ... And

there's a lot of cross-pollination and breeding of hybrids

"In America you would never have had drum'n bass

invented - those who are into

reggae go to reggae clubs. and

those into break-beat stay in

their break-beat clubs. There would never have been a

And it's with fusion that

Tortoise really come into their

own. Along the Banks of Rivers, the last track on Tor-

toise's new album, drifts through Pink Floyd, Miles

Davis's Kind of Blue and Talk

Talk's Spirit of Eden before

collapsing under its own weight and quietly fading out

It's one of the most perfectly

understated expressions of

Sunday morning hangovers and heartache ever put down.

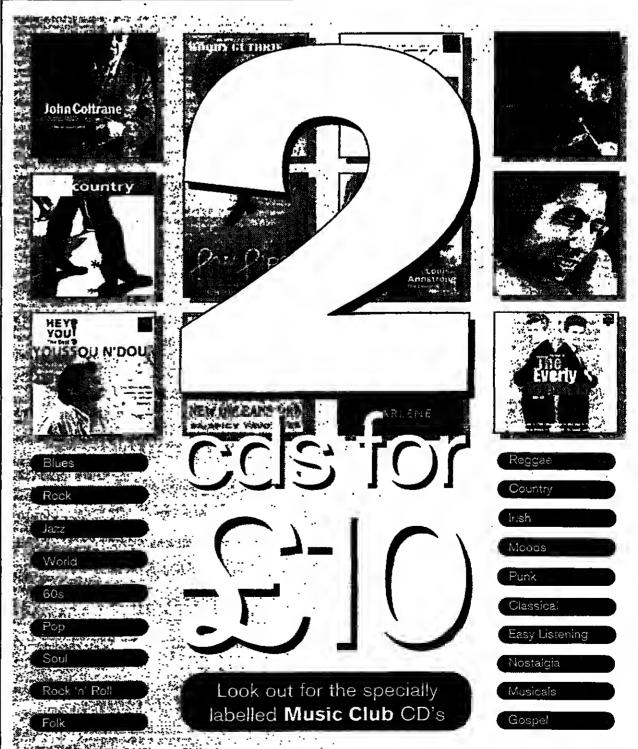
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fusion of the two styles."

within the music.

Rocket From the Crypt: an exhilarating mixture of Iggy Pop. the Clash and Grabam Parker and the Rumour

JOHN CLARKE



Carapace at the gates of dawn

ortoise are very, very strange. The twitching, L pulsing signature changes that made Carla Bley's Escalotor over the Hill and John Coltrane's most spaced-out. arhythmic wailings so compulsive are the under-carriage for lonely synthesizers and what sounds like a food-mixer being kicked

down a flight of stairs. There's nothing so crass as junes or vocals; just endless, 16-second symphonies strung together haphazardly, like those junk-jewellery necklaces your mother would let you make with the contents of her button box and a length of twine. Think of the shock you received when first listening to My Bloody Valentine or Bark Psychosis. This, like theirs, is music that sounds as if it's emanating from the body. rather than through an amp ur microphone: swirls of adrenalin, weird gurgling digestive sounds and the heart beating constandy away, like a fuzzy. distorted bass-drum. This is definitely, defiantly not

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Britpop. Of course, the problem with these arty, prog-jazz experimental musicians is that they are unerly struck dumb by their muses, and find stringing a senience logether very difficult. Johnny. the keyboard player, drummer and vibraphone master of Tortoise, is trying to explain their second album, Millions Living Now Will Never Die, and the ethos behind the floaring membership of the band.

For me, it's like being sucked back into the dark days of shoe-gazing - 15 bands and not a quote between them. Take a simple, ordinary. ing equipment." standard interview question

like: "What would you do if Torroise become the centre of a huge bidding war, and you were eventually signed to EMI for £1 million? What would you spend the money on?" "Well," Johnny ponders. "I

Tortoise don't write tunes or sing songs. Instead, they make me cry



get to Noel Gallagher. We're don't think that will happen. We're kinda too weird." talking about the weird, 20-No, but imagine. Pretend. second sections between songs that sound exactly like some-"Well, I think we're too EMI. one's put a bacon sandwich in uncommercial for the CD player and it's about 10 They'd never sign us." It's a hypothetical

wouldn't."



CAITLIN and buy a new snare drum ... or MORAN maybe some record-It's only when we start

you could only find by acci-dent. That's one of the things discussing technical things about Tortoise: things should be accidental, and things that Johnny springs to life. Like all avant-gardists, the should be educational." possibilities of the recording studio turn him on in the way Rolls-Royces and eyebrow-gel

What, you have little pub-

explode. "That's ac-cidental," Johnny

effervesces. "We

didn't know how to

hink the tracks, and

we had maybe three

pieces of tape on the

studio floor, and we

stuck them all to-

gether and it sounded like a light-

ening-ball had hit

dozen four-inch

quizzes about Charlie Mingus eryone dies."

An utterly timeless piece of music. To celebrate its shivering gorgeousness, I attempt nne last, light-hearted question. Why did you choose the album nue Millions Living Now Will Never Die - is it a statement about the immortality that musicians enjoy?

"No." Johnny says. "It's a Seventh Day Adventist slogan from the Thirties - something to do with the Apocalypse." So it's nothing to do with the feeling that, with the racked splendour of this album, Tortoise will live forever?

"Well no, we're all going to die sometime, obviously. Ev-

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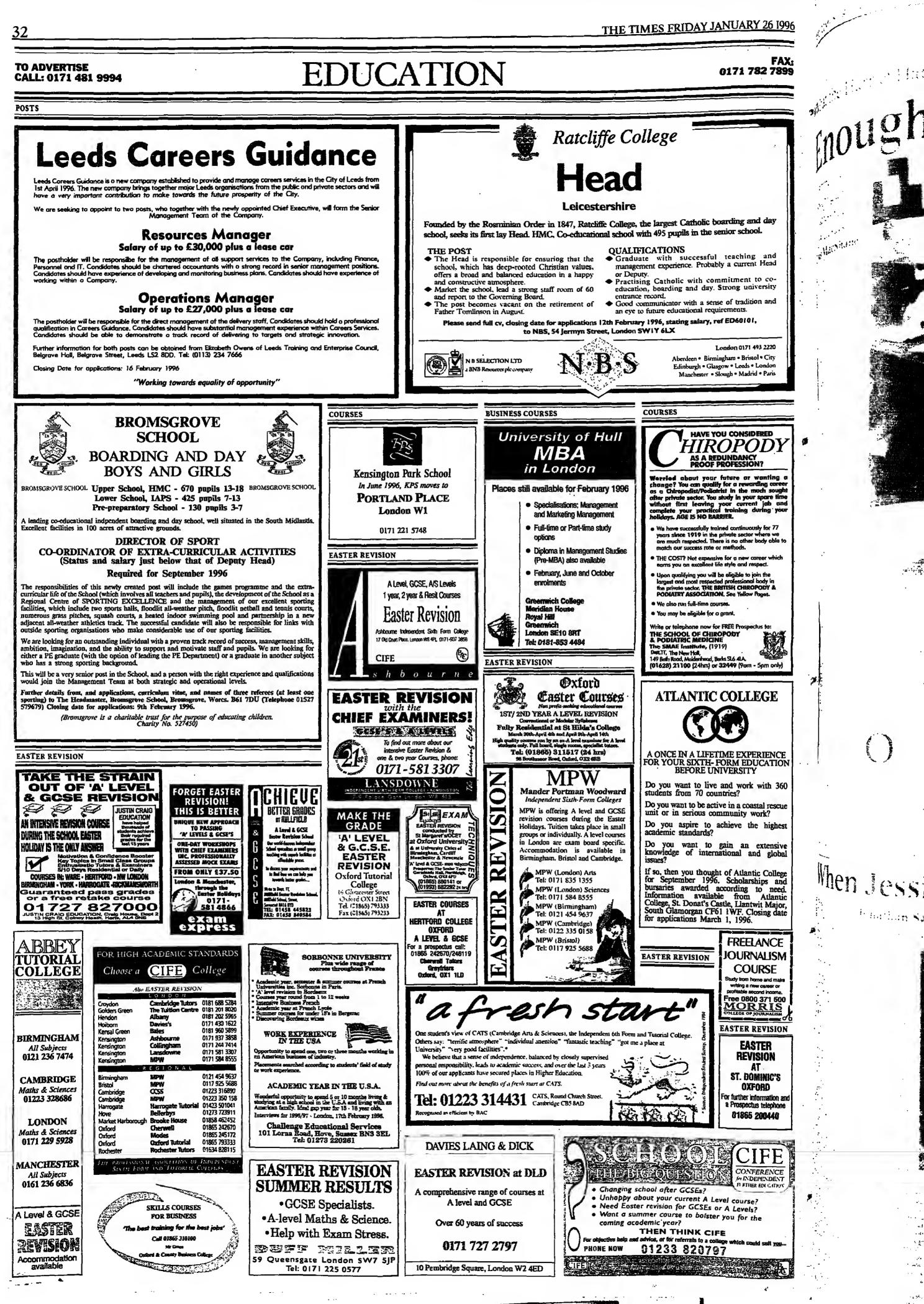
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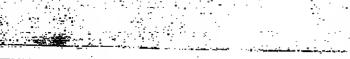
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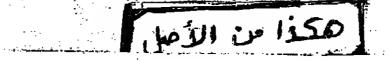
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EDUCATION

What the Harriet Harman row tells us about education policy — and why another parent echoes her decision

Enough to try the patience of St Olave

It is time to stop shouting and address real issues, says **Denis MacShane**

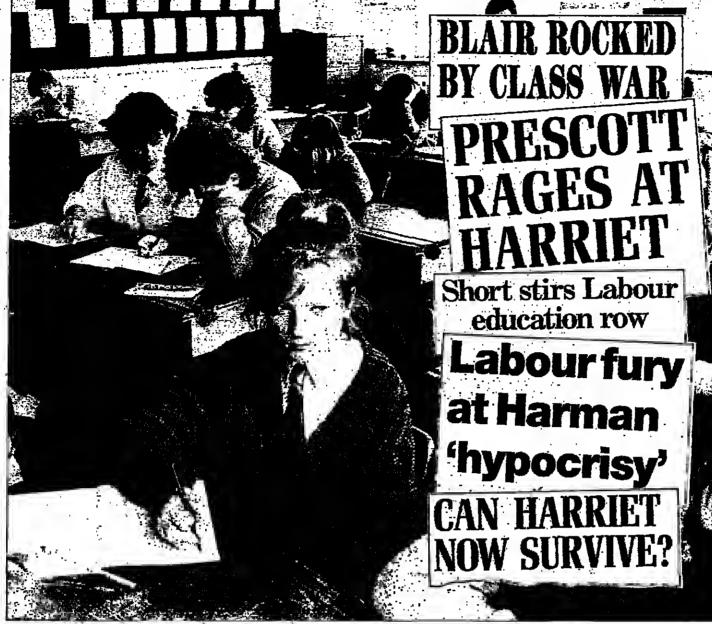
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f. all the comments and columns written this week were pasted together and sent to every parent, teacher, child and politician, would the cause of improving England's under-performing school system be advanced one iota? A visitor from the Continent or Asia would simply blink with amazement at the posturing from all political sides and ask when the English were going to stop shouting slogans and insults at each other and get down to serious debate.

I was ashamed to be an MP on Monday night as a debate about nursery school vouchers was transformed into an Orwellian hate session by ministers and backbenchers whose only purpose was-to tear at the flesh of Harriet Farman. To be sure, her decision to prioritise her duty as a parent is open to legitimate political criticism but there was something foul and unhealthy in the desire of ministers and their followers to shunt aside discussion about the provision of nursery places in order to hound

As the father of four children under the age of tep, I live the agonies of the English education system. Having lived and worked in Switzerland and France, the failure of education policy-makers in Whitehall to compel parents and teachers 10 accept their responsibilities for education is astounding. No other country in Europe has allowed standards to fail so low or permitted the individual's cheque book to determine the schooling of the future citizen. No other country would allow education to be reduced to the chanting of simple slogans about "choice" versus

"comprehensives"." Yesterday's gloomy test results reinforce last week's study showing that the teaching of arithmetic in English schools was two years behind that in Germany or Switzer-



Would any other country allow education to be reduced to the chanting of simple slogans about choice versus comprehensives?

would be my right as a citizen to Swiss school systems and were education cannot be reduced to a expect high-standard teaching in never obliged to take an exam at 11, set of competing, winner-and-loser which would have divided them into the sheep and goats beloved of The crisis of maths teaching the Darwinian selectionists now should have been debated in Parliabaying for a return to the grammar ment but England's immutable adversarial system of yah-boo polischool-secondary modern divide of tics does not permit such debate. So the 1950s. To be sure, there is

set of competing, winner-and-loser institutions based on the nostrums of the market-place in which money is lord of all.

.1. also emphasise "English" because the Scots do not seem to have anything like the same ago-

My mother and half my aunts and uncles are Scottish schoolleachers and I have often thought that there is nothing wrong with the English school system that handing it over to the Scots couldn't put right.

xperts from Scotland and

Labour voters want the best for their children, too

have a confession to make: like Harriet Harman, I am also the mother of one of the four "high flyers" who passed this year's entrance examination to St Olave's School from Dulwich Hamlet.

Without the need to maintain a high polinical profile. I could be said not to have to worry about the implications of such a decision. But as a Labour-voting teacher in the inner city for to years, I am aware that some of my friends and colleagues will be raising an eye-brow when told about this good fortune.

For a left-wing (if, indeed, a Labour voter may still be thus described) parent living in London to opt for selective education is neither hypocritical nor confused; it is a pragmatic choice to make. Pragmatic politicians 1 find reassuring; it is ideologues I find worrying. Ms Harman's son has

been accused of taking a place in this "Kent" school away from a more local pupil. In fact, St Olave's has been hijacked by the London Borough of Bromley, where it is now situated, having been founded "through charitable effort of the people

of Southwark for its 'younglings' "- of which. Joseph, a resident of Southwark, is one. If young Joseph were female, he could have gone to St Olave's sister school, situated in the politically correct, if aesthetically unappeal-ing, Old Kent Road, and all would have been well.

If inner-city schools often have poor exam results and a level of violence that no caring parent would knowingly want lo unleash on their offspring, it is not the fault of the teachers, but a direct outcome of the implicit values of our society - a perception that might is right,

to reverse the damage done. But in

the meantime, should each sacrifi-

cial child of a Labour politician be

From my own experience of a

comprehensive school in the then

communist Poland, from which 95

per cent of my classmates went to

university, I know that

comprehensives can deliver and 1

believe in the principle of compre-

hensive education. But what Po-

land had then, unlike Britain now,

was a social consensus in a

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nous society that education is a "good thing". Education had genu-

ine currency in a society without a

welfare safety net, but with 100 per

sent to a Hackney Downs?

tram driver, every parent would aspire to their offspring getting up the social ladder.

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Snohbery certainly beats greed the tune we dance to in Britain. It is a great motivator. It inspires us to I have spent years sayouring the

irony that, while in a so-called communist country the Holy Grail was for all to aspire to share in the achievements of the formerly privi-leged middle-classes, in a Western capitalist society the acquisition of academic trappings is ostensibly shameful.

This stance is hypocritical, and politically and economically suicidal. Furthermore, to reject academic selection as unfair is to imply that the alternatives have to be inferior. British prejudice is at play here. All polytechnics must be renamed universities; a move supposedly to

tus, but merely serving to erode the meaning of words. We need to develop a system of presti-gious technical colleges and appreciate the type of varied vocational education they will provide. Meritocracy for

all must be the watchword for the 21st century. But this does not exclude the possibility of an educational fast track for those fit and willing. St Olave's is not a fee-paying school. Entry is by examination only. regardless of class, race, wealth or status. Having become the laughing stock of the developed countries because of our sub-literate and innumerale youth, we could do with a few intellectual fast bowlers.

Doland is one of those countrics where people talk in jokes when they mean seri-

improve their sta-The seal of St Olave's



land, and, from personal experience. I would add France and The Netherlands. Two of my daughters attend a superb primary school in inner London where an outstanding headteacher has created a spirit of discipline and work that would satisfy the oldest of traditionalists. Yet the other day I was playing Monopoly with the girls and, to my horror, discovered that such is the national curriculum view of numeracy standards needed in schools that my daughter has difficulty in calculating the correct change from 100 Monopoly pounds when asked to pay the rent on Trafalgar Square.

A Conservative might say I should pay for a private school where maths would be better taught, and a Labour colleague might urge me to hire a tutor. But if I lived in France or Switzerland it

tomorrow, with the help of BT. I have organised a debate in Rotherham on England's educational needs. David Blunkett will make one keynote speech, as will Professor Brian Cox, editor of the "Black Papers" on education. n Saturday afternoon

public education.

there will be a proper debate on the subject of selection and vouchers in schools. Speaking in favour will be Stephen Pollard, of the Fabian Society, and speaking against will be Alan Howarth, the former Tory Education Minister. From the clash of their views will come, I themselves what might be the best hope, some synthesis about how way forward for the English natchildren are guided to the best pathways for their abilities and

how all this might be paid for. Various nieces and nephews

ional educational system. I deliberately write system, in the singular, because the key lesson from our more successful European and

Asian competitor-partners is that have gone through the French and

streaming and guidance on the nies that the English do over Continent, and a much stronger education. Is this because all Scotcommitment to technical training tish teachers are in one union, in which does not have the oily hands, contrast to the plethora of competing, often stupidly squabbling unions representing teachers in English schools? Or is it because second-class image of apprenticeship and vocational formation that it does in England. It is easier to switch between schools and choices Scots examinations are much closer are made at 13 or older, not the to the French baccalaureat or absurdly early age of 11. German Abitur or Swiss maturité

Can education policy-makers in with a broader range of subjects Whitehall be humble enough to taught and examined instead of the admit they might be able to learn narrow range of A levels? Or is it the tradition of Calvinist from other countries? Tomorrow, learning personified in the domiteachers, parents and the business leaders of Rotherham and South Yorkshire will be able to decide for

nie, the schoolmaster who was looked to with respect in contrast to the social and financial devaluation of the teacher in schools and universities in England? Or is that the Scottish elite don't like signing huge cheques to pay for their sons and daughters to be socially segregated in fee-paying establishments?

on European education systems will speak in Rotherham tomorrow. We do not need to reinvent the wheel. nor apply the wrong ideologies of the 1960s or 1980s to England's schools. But education policy-makers must be ready to learn and discuss and to debate.

That process is all but impossible in Westminster and Whitehall. I am glad to be leaving the heat of the Commons for the cool light of South Yorkshire where I will learn more tomorrow about what's wrong with our education policy and how to put it right than I will from any amount of time spent listening to ministers scoring sound-bite points and refusing to debate the real issues.

• The author is the Labour MP for cent employment. Also, education had a great snob value. Peasant or

> **Books** to help

with tests

and that you are what you drive; ous business (a cunning self-cenrather than what drives you. sorship device, acquired under A Labour Government will need communism, but useful in any

totalitarian regime). There is a Polish joke which goes: a trainee devil is shown round Hell by a senior supervisor. They pass through various sections. In each, the devil on duty busily prods and pokes the mass of wriggling bodies in each sizzling cauldron to stop any from climbing out. They hap-pen upon a cauldron with no devil present. "Why is there no one on duty?" asks the young devil. "No need," comes the reply. "This is the Polish section. When anyone climbs anywhere near the top, the rest will soon pull him down again.

The British section does not need a devil either.

ANDA MACBRIDE

When Jessica joined the workers

y 15-year-old daugh-ter stopped going to school and went off Jonathan Sale describes how his daughter took up a work placement - and learnt an adult lesson instead to a hostel for the

homeless. One of her contemporaries, also in the throes of the GCSE course, spent a fortnight in the local police station and others ended up in hospital.

Is this something for Jessi-ca's school to be proud of? Yes. It takes work experience very seriously. Everyone does these days; one lad with a placement at Bradford Royal Infirmary was allowed not only to watch an operation but to help to look after patients.

Sydenham School, the south London comprehensive where Jessica is studying for her GCSEs, has had several recent placements at hospitals but none quite as hands-on as that. Several years ago, when one of the pupils fainted while watching an operation, she asked groggily, "Where am I?" on coming round. "Intensive care," they said.

Placements enjoyed by the latest batch of 240 pupils from Sydenham were at estate agents, lawyers, hotels, maga-zines, trendy shops and the Man in the Moon Theatre.

We try not to have too many hairdressers," says Gill Pooley, who, in matching her pupils to places, encourages when not be limited by the stereotypes of gender: girls should not feel that a no-entry sign comes between them and car mechanics

They definitely mature," Ms Pooley says. "Many stu-dents with all sorts of difficulties at school shine at work placements." A lot speak of the experience of getting some-

where on time apart from school. They have to find out the route; buy a travel ticket; wear clothing that is ap-propriate. And they learn what to call people - not just the usual "sir" or "miss" or "mum and dad" - things we take for granted as adults. There are employ ers who are fearful

of that alien creature, a 15-year-old girl. Fortunately, Jessica's "minder" knew exactly what she was like it was her cousin, who works in a West Country hostel which provides ternporary, mixed accommodation for up

to 36 residents aged

Most were young

16 and upwards.

promptly dried up.

Experience for a would-be engineer

often people to whom life has dealt a bad hand. Several had men in their twenties who acted as if they had never seen a young female before. Jessica realised that any minor irritasuffered family splits. One, a disturbed woman, was "sections she felt were nothing compared with what some of tioned", that is, compulsorily taken into care.

Some were in trouble with the residents were up against one lad had returned from the law. One of Jessica's abroad to discover he had lost strongest memories of the fortnight was of how she pointed out to one lad that petty crime was giving him only grief. "He said: 'Do you his home and possessions. Next day she laughed off the double entendres, which Working with homeless think I should, like, stop? For people certainly removes any. two seconds he thought about prejudice; they are not lesser it. He saw me not as a 15-yearmortals than the rest of us but old but as a supervisor."

She had to act in some ways like a member of staff but could always turn to her cousin or another of the employees. She was able to give practical help, such as booking a dentist's appointment for one of the older residents. Other work involved doing the laundry or playing cards with residents. Perhaps her greatest satisfaction - it

makes me look at my youngest child in a new light — lay in having a certain amount of authority. To those residents that she knew best, she could sav: "Put that cigarette butt in the ashtray" - and

they did.

Kudom, had a rather different placement. In her project diary, Yaa wrote that the organisation where she had her work experience "provides an important service to people living in the country". That is a generous opinion of the House Commons but then the House of Commons had a generous opinion of her. "She is quietly confident, articulate and clearly has high aspira-

> Abbott. This is what Yaa's first day time."

tions," said the office supervi-

sor of the Labour MP Diane

ing in Hackney Town Hall about disabilities. 2. Attended park in Hackney where Diane opened a festival for old people. 3. Sat through Question Time at the House of Commons. 4. Attended two meetings with Diane." In addition, the energetic Ms Abbott had time to quiz her about her ambition to go into law or business. No wonder Yaa's entry reads: "It was a very, very tiring day. I didn't get

involved: "1. Attended a meet-

home until 9pm. Her second day included: photocopying: Treasury and Civil Service Committee; watching two television inter-views; a Home Office meeting about prostitution in Hackney. In two days she had already had more encounters with parliamentary activity than most voters will have in a lifetime.

nother Sydenham pu-A pil was in the Com-mons at the same time, this case with George in Bruce, MP for Walsall South, for whom she wrote a press release and answered letters Her friend, Yaa from children in his constituency. She was impressed by the polite way in which MPs insulted each other.

From her fortnight in the hostel, Jessica discovered that she would enjoy a career in that area. Conversely. Ms Pooley says: "There are some students who have always thought that they wanted to work with children; but then they go to a nursery school and think, not for me!' And that sort of learning experience is worth two weeks of anyone's

YESTERDAY's disappoint ing results from the first national lests at 11 will increase the pressure on parents and schools to prepare children more effectively this year. Three books published last week and sponsored by The Times should aid that process. As well as providing a revision guide for the tests in May, the paperbacks will enable parents to make their own assessment of their children's progress in the three

core subjects Produced by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, the body responsi-ble for the tests, the separate books on English, mathematics and science offer advice on revision and examination techniques, as well as sample questions at all levels of difficulty. Unlike rival publications, they cootain actual questions from last year's

tests. The three books, which are published by HMSO. will form the basis of a series of articles on this year's tests at ages seven, tl and 14. The series will appear in The Times in March.

Some changes will be introduced in this year's tests for 11year-olds, including the banning of calculators in one mathematics paper. However, the general appearance of the tests and the ground to be covered will alter little. Schools will be notified of the precise differences.

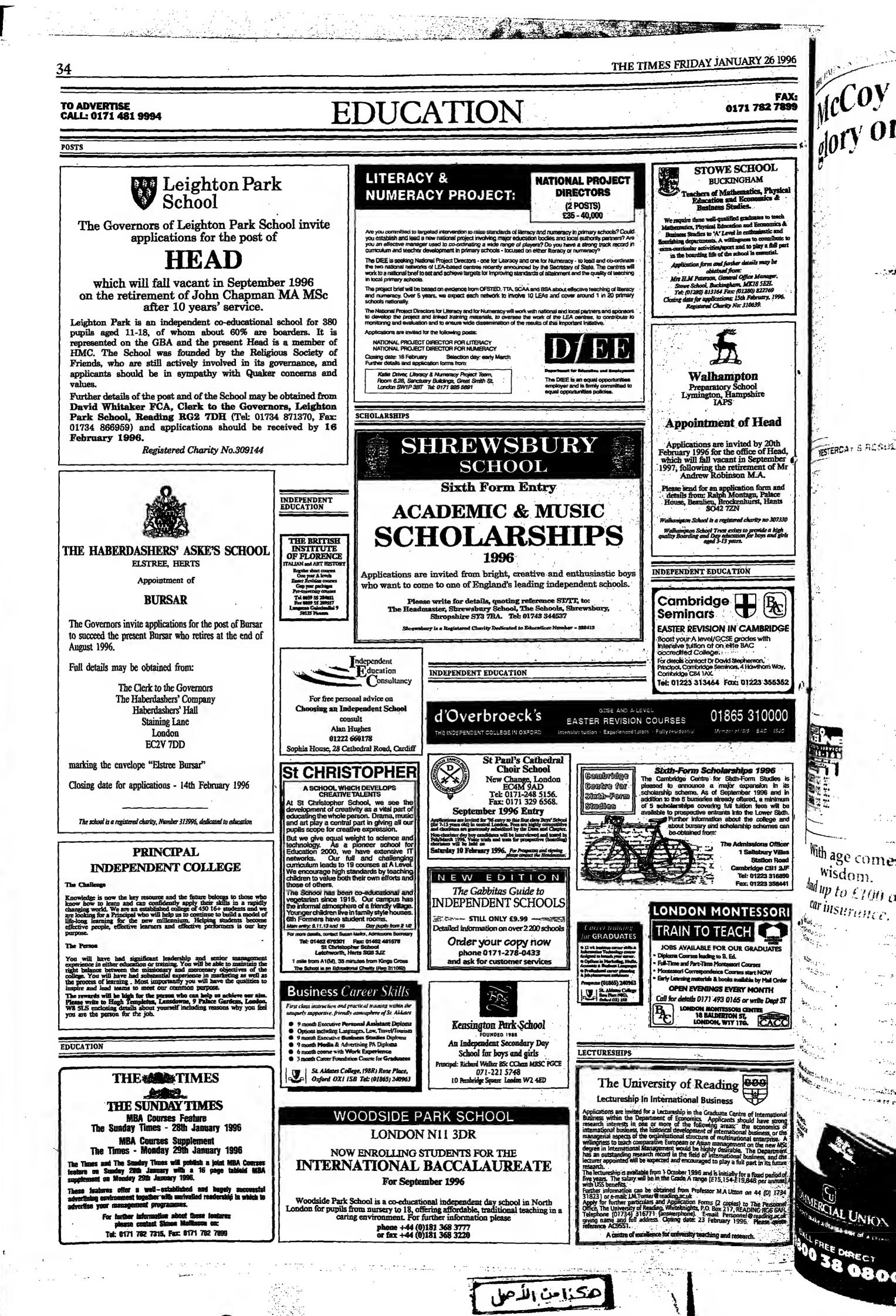
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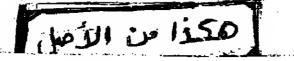
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McCoy chases National glory on Deep Bramble

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

TONY McCOY had not rid-den in a British steeplechase two years ago but, after the riding sensation of the season. had extended his lead at the top of the jockeys' championship with an 11-1 double at Wincanton yesterday, he spoke of his hopes of winning the world's most famous race over fences - the Grand National. The fresh-faced Irishman

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confirmed he will ride Deep Bramble in the Aintree spectacular and said: "You could not have a horse with better credentials for the National. He has a touch of class, jumps and stays, which is ideal.

"I schooled him for the first time last Wednesday, and he. was brilliant. He has been trained specifically for the race and Paul Nicholls is very good at laying one out for a big race.'

Indeed, Deep Bramble was strongly fancied for last year's Grand National and had been installed as one of the favourites when the weights were published, only to miss the race because of injury. The nine-year-old had

shown the perfect aptitude for the gruelling 4'2-mile test by winning two competitive stay-ing races at Sandown, including the Agfa Diamond Chase, in which he beat Royal Athlete, the subsequent Nat-

ional winner, out of sight. Nicholls, who saddled his first winners of 1996 when Sunley Bay and Lansdowne won at the Somerset track,

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said: "There really wasn't a race for Deep Bramble until this spring so it seemed sensible to look at the National. He didn't come io until October, but he's ready to run now and will go to Chepstow or Sandown next Saturday. When he won the Agfa Dia-mond last season he weighed 515 kilos and at present he is 518 kilos." 50th winner of the season.

The trainer added: "When Henrietta Knight has never he came to us last season from Ireland he seemed a bit shouldery and jarred up, but this year he seems a different horse. I see him as a real National horse and he'll have two runs before Aintree, ideally at Chepstow in the Coral National Trial and then at Haydock in the Greenalls Grand National Trial.

"He jumps very carefully and stays well. Horses like Royal Athlete and Dubacilla finished behind him at Sandown. He has not got enough class to win a Cheltenham Gold Cup but is the right sort for Aintree. I only had him right twice last year so

there could be further improvement to come." McCoy, whose first ride in the National ended last year when Chatam fell at the twelfth, takes some budging out of the saddle as he demonstrated when surviving an

appalling blunder by Samlee before going on to win the Maurice Lister Maiden Chase, The victory provided trainer Philip Hobbs with his

had her horses in better form and Easthorpe continued her cracking run when taking the £10,000-added Terence Brady & Charlotte Bingham Handi cap Chase. The eight-year-old was completing a six-timer this season in the afternoon's feature race and always had too much speed for Northern Saddler and Mister Oddy. Given the relative shortage

of two-mile chasers, it was no surprise to hear connections confirm the three will meet again in the Grand Annual Chase at the Cheltenham Festival.

"Easthorpe never stops sur-prising me. He would pull himself up if you didn't keep reminding him," Knight said. "He prefers going left-handed and needed today's race because he's so lazy at home." 1995 Gold Cup winner, will run in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Sunday week. Bailey said: "He's in good form at the moment and either Charlie Swan or Jamie Osborne will take the ride."

Easthorpe clears the last from Northern Saddler on his way to completing a six-timer at Wincanton yesterday

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3.10 SANDALL BEAT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 7-4 Universal Magic, 5-2 Farmer's Hand, 7-2 Aly Daley, 5-1 Janwah, 0-1 Avoided.

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UNIVERSAL MASIC 61 2nd of 3 to Batastan in Newton Abbol novice chase (3m 2), good to firmi penalimate start. LARRWAH led until tell 13th in 4-runner course and distance novice chase won by Cellie, Town (good to firm) penalitimate start. FARMER'S HAND 41 2nd of 5 to Fonbinkan Time to Selection: ALY DALEY 41 and of 5 to kinst Geni in Selection: ALY DALEY 41 and of 5 to kinst Geni in Selection: ALY DALEY 41 and of 5 to kinst Geni in Selection: ALY DALEY 41 and of 5 to fonbinkan Time to Selection: ALY DALEY

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Frost threatens meetings

THE meetings at Lingfield Park and Doocaster today depend on morning inspections. Both were raceable yesterday but face falling temperatures overnight combined with a cold easterly wind. Ayr, due to race tomorrow, will inspect at 10.45 today, while Cheltenham's fixture is also threatened. Cheltenham's clerk of the course, Philip Arkwright, said yesterday: "I would guess there could be a Saturday morning inspectioo." The fixture at Huntingdon yesterday was lost to frost.

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	Do you drive a family car rather than a sports or high performance model?	1.10 ASHURST JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,381: 2m 3t 110yd) (8 runners)	13 TEPESTEDE R Rows 5-11-8	GDING: STANDARD SIS DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST	2.30 DAMETHORPE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-D: £3.075: 1m) (7)
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Giles makes point to put Britain on brink

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FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BARCELONA

GREAT Britain took an important step towards the Olympic Games hockey tournament in Atlanta next summer when Calum Giles converted a short corner to level the scores two minutes before the end of an exciting game against Holland here yesterday. Britain now need one point from their two remaining matches, against Malaysia tomorrow and Belgium on Sunday, to clinch a place among the qualifying five for the United States.

The 2-2 draw denied the Dutch victory and prevented them from confirming their

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place for Atlanta. Nobody could begrudge Britain their point. The forwards ran strongly and tackled more fiercely, allowing Holland litthe chance to develop their attacks.

Britain took only 30 seconds to pierce the Dutch defence and earn a short corner, which came to nothing because of some faulty stopping. A second short corner three minutes later was dissolved for the want of control, but the pressure served to undermine the Dutch.

Hazlitt, at left half, broke up two of their attacking forays by intercepting passes from Van Wijk. The Holland goal was under siege again soon afterwards, when Shaw's pass put Mayer through. Jensen, the Holland goalkeeper, came charging out to deny him, but

Mayer continued to torment the opposing defence. Holland went ahead in the 23rd minute, against the run of play, as Van den Honert

scored from a scramble after Veen, on the right wing, had put a centre across the circle. However, Britain went back on the offensive and earned another short corner, the result of a foot infringement by the Dutch inside the circle. Giles swept the ball along the ground, forcing Jensen to make a diving save.

In the dying minutes of the first half. Holland conceded another short corner for obstructing Nick Thompson at the top of the circle. Persistent breaking of the line before the initial hit was taken saw Brinkman and Van Rwswijk, two Holland defenders, temporarily suspended.

This meant that Holland were down to nine men at the start of the second half and Britain took immediate advantage. Jensen saved a shot from Laslett but, as the ball

drifted out of the circle, Hazlitt their standard of play, and was on hand to set up Mayer, who dashed in to score. offers them the chance to be a Holland rallied and forced a national champion. short corner in the 46th minute, from which Van den Banking National Bridge Challenge will appeal to social Honert scored his second goal with a high scoop into the net. player and seasoned expert A succession of short corners alike. At stake is a prize-fund

then followed at both ends, Holland missed their best chance of the game from one of these, when Van den Honert scooped over the top, it The Times, said: "The Times was a mistake for which they were made to pay as Giles, a substitute, denied them vic-

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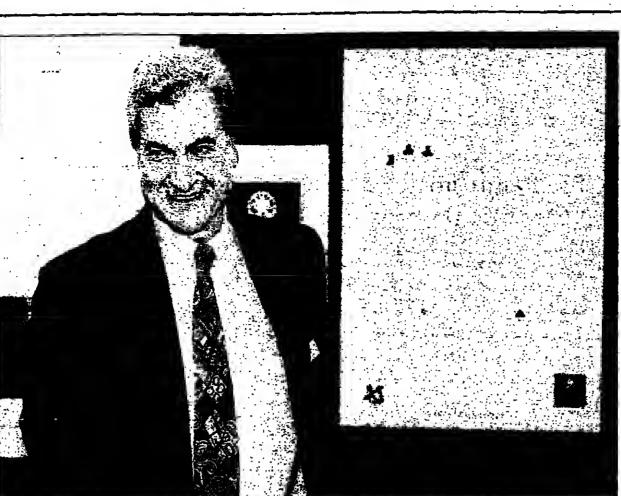
The trap is to finesse. But if

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tory in the last minutes. Earlier yesterday, India and Spain qualified for Atlanta with wins over Canada and

With Wins over Canada and Malaysia respectively. GREAT BRITAIN: D Lakes (East Grinstead). J Wyat (Reading). Soma Singh (Southgate), G Fordheim (Hours-tow, Kalub Taidine (Canock), S (Hazik (Hourslow), C Mayer (Canock), J Shaw (Southgate), R Thompson (Hourslow), J Lastet (rectington, coptan). N Thompson (Od Loughtoniurs), Substitutes used: C Glies (Havam), H Housin (Reacing). HOLLAND: A Jensen, E Jazel, A van der With, M Cruca, J Delmea, J Binhuman, M Delssen (Captain), W van Pet, S Veen, T van den Honer, A van Wijk, Substitutes used: Svan Herswirk, T den Neuver Linghtes; S Deg Span) and R SI Rose players in Britain, 100,000 play competitive bridge, with a core of 5.000 regular participants. One of the primary aims of the Challenge is to dispel the elitist image which surrounds competitive bridge, while providing worthwhile Umphreat, S Deo (Spain) and R St Rose (Trindad and Tobego) rewards for the game's more hardened players.



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Times deals up a winning hand

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Pairs will play duplicate bridge, based on aggregate scoring, with only simple, natural bidding allowed. bidding Heats will be held between February 1 and July 15. with the winners qualifying for locally-organised area finals, to be run during August and September. The top 80 pairs in each category will qualify for

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BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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Di Wardle, a spokeswoman for the National Trust, said: "We are grateful to The Times and Midland Private Banking for choosing the National Trust to benefit from this event, which will have hoge appeal to our members."

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Smith and Charles **Boon puts** seek chance to star at Olympics

FROM EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN MIAMI

LAWRIE Smith and Glyn Charles, the leading contenders in the Star class for the Great Britain Olympic team, joined battle here yesterday in an incident-filled opening race on Biscayne Bay.

In the first of eight qualifying heats at the pre-Olympic regatta, both made poor starts in breezy conditions that saw the Spanish former Finn gold medal-winner, José Luis Doreste, leading the 49-strong fleet at the weather mark. Smith and Charles took some time to establish clear

air at the crowded pin end of the starting line and emerged at the weather mark well down the fleet but hot on each other's heels.

Charles, who has lost out to Smith twice at trials in the Soling class in the past two Olympic selection campaigns, is determined to reverse that form this time round. There is little love lost between the two and yesterday he reached the weather mark one boat length in front of Smith, who was then forced to take a penalty after touching the mark with his mainsail as he went round.

Ahead of them, in twelfth place, the outsiders, Michael and Patrick Hicks, were putting up a confident performance: the stronger pairings of Stuart Hudson and David Munge and David Howlett and Phil Lawrence were 28th and 29th respectively.

Smith eventually finished twelfth and Charles 27th, and over the next three days the five trialists will have a chance to show their paces against many of the leading Star sailors in the world, including a strong American team led by John Kostecki and Joe Londrigan.

.During an earlier race over the same course Andy Beadsworth - Britain's medal hope in the Soling class - also started poorly, getting caught in the middle of a large fleet. At the gybe mark Beadsworth, who has already been selected for the Olympic squad, was languishing in 28th place in the field of 43, which was led by the Dane,

Stig Westergaard.

Australia on secure footing DAVID BOON played a familiar rescue role in his final abling the Waugh brothers,

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appearance for Australia, en-Mark and Steve, to launch a jate assault on the Sri Lanka bowling on the first day of the third and final Test in Adelaide vesterday. Boon, who will retire from

international cricket at the end of the match, steadied the innings with a typically resolute 43 after Michael Slater was dismissed in the first over of the day. Mark Waugh made 71 and

his brother remained unbeat-en on 70 as Australia reached 239 for five at the close, having won the toss.

Higgins sorry

Snooker: Not for the first time in his controversial career, Alex Higgins has seen fit to apologise for his actions (Phil Yates writes). Yesterday, the former world champion issued a statement admitting that remarks made over the past two weeks to referees Lawrie Annandale and Alan Chamberlain were "inappropriate".

sport's governing body, the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, by Annandale on Tuesday after his 10-7 defeat by Surinder Gill in the eighth qualifying round of the Embassy world championship.

Hockey: Germany are the favourites for the eight-team women's indoor championship that begins in Glasgow today. The challenge for England is to get to the final and to be the first team to put the champions under genuine pressure.

Shark encounter

Basketball: Crystal Palace, the unbeaten first division leaders who have knocked two Budweiser League teams out of the National Cup, have been drawn against the holders, Sheffield Sharks, in the semi-finals.

SEMI-FINALS: Crystel Palace v Shaffield (1st leg Feb 8, 2nd leg Feb 14); Berningham Bullets v London Towers (1st leg Feb 11, 2nd leg Feb 14).

Higgins was reported to the

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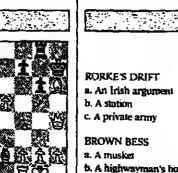
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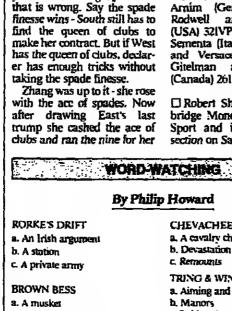
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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Pittsburgh's men of steel glory in colossal task

The Steelers' wheel cranked round to the big guys yester-day. The Pittsburgh man-mountains who will try to scratch. heave and claw victory out of the safe hands of the Dallas Cowboys quarterback. Troy Aikman, in Super Bowl XXX here on Sunday left little doubt that it will not be much fun being stuck in the middle with them. They did not so much rest the case for their defence as whirl it around their heads and brandish it like a bloodied standard.

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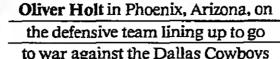
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The Cowboys, with their much-vaunted offensive combination of Aikman and the running back, Emmitt Smith, not to mention the wide receiver, Michael Irvin, and the mercurial Deion Sanders in any number of roles, are clear favourites to defeat the Steelers in the Sun Devil Stadium and clinch their third Super Bowl victory in

four years. But among the myriad of present and former players asked to offer their opinion on the outcome, more and more are saying they "like" the underdogs and that their defence will be the

Acy. Greene, the Steelers linebackers who helped to give their team the nickname "the Blitzburgh Steelers" last year because they produced so many quarterback sacks, abandoned the bland truisms and empty wisecracks adopted across the board by the Cowboys players. They are T-shirts and jeans men, blue-collar men, not afraid to talk about the atavistic goals bursting out from underneath the veneer of SDOL

Whoever you have on the other side of the ball that is a key player. to get them out of the game is definitely going to help the Pitts-



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burgh Steelers," Lloyd said. "On Sunday, that means Emmin Smith and Troy Aikman. You don't want to see anybody crippled. You want to be able to see guys be able to take care of their families. But when you hit the quarterback and he gets a concussion that's the risk you take. So America has to deal with it." Greene, a captain and tank commander in the US Army reserve and fond of using military metaphors, was equally uncompromising and more articulate about his feelings. Much of the attention devoted to him has centred on the long blond hair that makes him look like a Viking warrior, but on

to war against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday he may grab the spotlight

for worthier reasons. "I'm going to plant Aikman, not just nudge him," Greene said. "I try to hit every quarterback hard when I sark them. You don't, you know, gently lay them in the grass. We're coming after him. Were going to bring him some pressure. If he comes off the field with a clean uniform, then obviously we have "in my position, the quarterback sack is what I do. That's what they pay me to do. It's a notoriety thing. it's a statement, it's a big play. It's a good feeling, it's an ecstatic feeling, it relieves a lot of stress."

Before Greene can get to Aikman, though, he will have to get past Erik Williams, the Cowboys huge and softly sinister offensive tackle, who was heavily criticised for a vicious, but legal, block during the Cowboys' National Football Conference championship game victory against the Green Bay

Packers ten days ago. Williams, his arms and forehead badly scarred from the car crash that nearly ended his career more than a year ago, has a reputation for bringing down his opponents by whatever means necessary, includ-ing pulling on the bars of their facemasks. As he stood on his lectern on Media Day in the stadium on Tuesday, Williams whispered that such actions were "involuntary". but Greene is preparing for them nonetheless.

"The Cowboys have got a big offensive line," Greene said. "Our to throw in the towel."

No I priority is to stop the run. We have to stop Emmitt Smith if we are to have a chance of winning this game. You take away the run and you make an offence onedimensional.

"I'm going to come after Wil-liams hard and fast and heavy. But he is 6ft 7in and 3451b and 1'm 6ft 2in and 2451b. What choices do t have when he jams his hands in my face? I can either say 'II's OK big guy, don't worry, just don't let it happen again'. or I can do some-

"All of us have our backs against the wall because no one is giving us a rat's chance of winning. But I like the players that we're going 10 war with. You can measure speed, strength, size, vertical jump and bench press but you can't measure an athlete's heart. I know the heart of this team. This team is not quick



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Aikman, the quarterback Steelers are out to stop

Ice dance

leaders

suffer in

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FROM JOHN HENNESSY

IN SOFIA PERHAPS it is unfortunate for ice dancers that, this year, the pass doble has been selected as the rhythm for

their original programmes in international championships.

Torvill and Dean presented

the definitive paso doble in their unforgenable Olympic

year. 1984, and comparisons

are inevitable and un-

So while the performance of

Oksana Gritschuk and Ev-

geny Platov in the European

championship here yesterday

was duly appreciated, it was

favourable.

Drifter with hankering to perform on world stage

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

WDY BERNAL'S twangy ac-cent conjures visions of billabongs and jolly swagmen, of sun, sand, sea and surf. Though his mass of dreadlocks has at last been untangled, his appearance is revealing, too. Dark complexion, angular features, glistening earring. No doubt about it. Born in Canberra, of Spanish immigrant parents, the son of a one-time crocodile hunter is a fair dinkum Aussie. It is a badge he wears with

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pride, wherever he has plied his footballing trade — at Sporting Gijón, Ipswich Town, Sydney Olympic and Reading. The former beach burn and graduate of the renowned Australian Institute of Sport, which also spawned

ryn, and daughter. Isabella. 22. He is in his second season with Reading, who play Manchester United in the FA Cup fourth round at Elm Park tomorrow, and will see out the remaining two years of his contract with the Endsleigh Insurance League first division side. If, that is, the wan deriust does not resurface. "Sure, I miss home now and

again," Bernal, 29. said. "But there are a lot worse places than Reading. As long as I'm close to a big city. I'm all right. You can jump on a train and be in London in 20 minutes, so it's not a problem."

Though he winces at the hackneyed British view of the archetypal Australian -Gday, sport. Givvus a Foster's, mate" - he concedes that Neighbours and Home and Away have much to answer for. English people have this funny perception of us," he said. "I can understand why, but it's not strictly true."

His travels have produced infinitely more lively episodes, with better story-lines, too. When he played for Gifon, he was deemed a foreigner, despite his Spanish passport. because he had represented Australia. After a successful spell on loan with Jerez, in the second division, he was ready to return to Gijón. "I got a knock on the door one morning," he recalled. "It was the military police. saying Thames, with his wife, Kath- 1'd got to do my 12 months



Bernal takes a break from training at Elm Park, where Reading entertain Manchester United tomorrow. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

service. I decided I wasn't to get in," he said. "In the end, having any of it, so I fled the country. My dad took me to Madrid airport and I pretend-

ed I was going on holiday. "It was mainly the principle. Over the next five years, he played for Sydney Olympic. cruised the beach, rode the The Spanish FA didn't see me as a Spaniard but the military waves, became an inspector You can't be Spanish for uncu and even

heard of them then, I'm sure they have now." A bittersweet reference to the 4-3 defeat by Bolton Wanderers in the firstdivision play-off final last season. "It was both the best and

worst day of my life." he said. National Parks ranger. embley ici bei

christened Andreas, once eked out a living by venturing upcountry in search of crocodiles. His quest for the reptilian beast long since concluded, he is less dramatically but more safely employed as a of Hollywood, don't we?"

brief appearance in A Country Practice, another humdrum antipodean series inflicted on the British. "I played a Yaroshenko, of the Ukraine. sportsman who'd got injured and couldn't play again." he The British champions. Marika Humphreys and Philsaid. "We all have our dreams ip Askew, remain anchored in

also recognised as a pale shadow All the same, it was an mjoyable programme and probably deserved to consolidate their lead in the competition, with the free dance to come tonight. Their Russian compatriois. Anjelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsiannikov, re-main in second place, butthe couple in fourth Marina Anissina, a French acquisition from the old Soviet Union, and Gwendal Peizerat, were dislodged from third place by Irina Romanova and Igor

Pat Cash and Shane Warne goes where the mood takes him. "With Australians, it's sort of inbred," he said. "We have no fear of going anywhere to play, to live, or to seek adventure."

Bernal, a versatile defender. with 22 caps for Australia, now resides in Royal Berkshire. on the banks of the

competitions.

one thing and not the other." Bernal landed at Ipswich and played for a season on a part-time visa before going home. However, when he tried to return to Portman Road, he again fell victim to the bureaucrats. "I got to Heathrow, this

bloke looked at my passport and I told a few porkies to try division and, although not many people in Australia had

worked for the police. A chance meeting in Sydney with Mike Hickman, then the coach at Reading, again whetted his global appetite. "I was sort of going nowhere, so it came at a good time for me," he said. "Reading had just won the second

haps taken for granted over for more, not least a regular here but, in faraway places, it's still a major thing. It wasn't an FA Cup Final, but who cares? Now we've got Man United in the Cup and that's brilliant." Bernal, draft dodger and deportee, thrives on contrasts.

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the most frustrating of margins, losing 2-1 on aggregate to Argentina in a two-leg decider. He also wants to pursue his passion for acting, which he studied in Sydney and Los shaming the average stay-athome Brit. His father, also Angeles and which led to a

only so long and he is still waiting for the ultimate offer. role in Australia's 1998 World which would perhaps finally quench his thirst for continen-Cup qualifying campaign. They missed the 1994 finals by tal drift. "If someone were to give me the same amount of money I earn playing football to go and surf and live on the island of Bali for four years." he said. "I'd pack up and go tomorrow."

work are about to go out. Farnborough Town, scheduled to

visit Bower Fold tomorrow, lost two

sets of centre halves through injury

in their Trophy matches against

Slough Town. Keith Day and Dean

Coney, on the field for just two

minutes as substitute after return-

by Mark West on Saturday. Rich-

ard Williams and John Under-

wood, their young replacements,

were hurt in the replay at Wexham

Park oo Tuesday as Farnborough

lost 4-3.

place. Th well, with a number of innovations, notably a convoluted passage of catch-foot on the part of Humphreys. There was a hazardous mo-

ment towards the end when they nearly lost contact, before outsuretched hands finally came together. They would have hoped for better marks than they received - all but three of them were below 5.0 - but that could be a legacy of

being unknown at this level. Artur Dmitriev, already a winner of Olympic, world and European pairs titles with another partner who has now retired, seems to have found a fine replacement in Oksana Kazakova. Together they won the pairs title here for Russia with a delightful performance. marred only by a twist lift that never got off the ground because of incorrect timing.

ing from injury, were ruled out after the 1-1 draw that Slough salvaged with a 94th-minute goal The British champions, Les ley Rogers and Michael Aldred, skated well enough within their limitations to move up from eleventh place to tenth, thereby assuring Britain of a second entry in the event next year.

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ation. "If there is any justice and common sense, it will all come out TOTTENHAM Hotspur and Wimbledon, whose meetings on the field right," Gerry Francis, the Tottenin recent seasons have frequently ham manager. said yesterday. led to acrimony, will present a "We are being backed 100 per cent by the FA and the Premier League. united front in Geneva today as they seek to persuade Uefa to overturn a

Clubs seek to overturn Uefa ban

There is no way I would have one-year ban from European allowed my players knowingly tobreak rules and regulations. We The FA Carling Premiership clubs, which were punished by the made sure we had approval from governing body of European foot-ball for their less than enthusiastic the people in this country. It is really a case between Uefa and the FA." approach to the Intertoto Cup Tottenham will be represented by Alan Sugar, their chairman, and Wimbledon by Ned Hammam, the competition in the summer, will claim that they fielded weakened brother of the club's managing. teams on borrowed grounds with director, Sam Hammam. Graham the approval of the Football Associ-

Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, Keith Wiseman, the Southampton chairman, and Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, will support their case.

Uefa, meanwhile, said yesterday that it would not "change overnight" to conform to the European Court of Justice's ruling on the Bosman case, which effectively outlawed the transfer system and the limit on foreign players appearing in European competitions. Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, said that clubs would be expected to comply with the present rules at least until the end of the 1995-96 season.

Stalybridge building for future STALYBRIDGE Celtic lay claim to being the only club to have resigned from the Football League when they stepped down voluntarily in 1923. They have now unveiled plans

to develop. Bower Fold to a standard that could get them back there (Walter Gammie writes). In March, the club will start work on a new grandstand to replace the existing wooden structure put up in 1908, with the 700 seats lifting the total to 1.300. Stalybridge will then have to replace crush barriers that do oot adhere to the Football Licensing Authority's standards to achieve their A grading.

The Vauxhall Conference club suffered another blow on Tuesday when they were knocked out of the FA Umbro Trophy at Gresley Rovers, losing the first-round replay at a wind-blown Moat Ground to the only goal, scored by Touy Marsden in injury time. The victory was a notable feather in the cap for Gresley's new management team, Paul Futcher and Garry Birtles. Gresley's own ambitions rest on

moving to a new site a quarter of a mile away on a derelict brick and pipe works. The ground has been marked out, a brook has been diverted and contracts for building

FOR THE RECORD W Jones (Wales) 10-5: I McCulloch bl F O'Bnen (tre) 10-6: P Daviss (Wales) bl J Prinze (N tre) 10-9; G Greene bl O Dale (Wales) 10-8: R Lawler bt W Brown 10-6. E Henderson (Scot) bl A Bolsover 10-6. M Hallert bl J Brich 10-8. M Davis bl Al Rowerdew 10-5. T Murphy (N tre) bl A Daviss (Wales) 10-6. O Frowler bl S Gail 10-7 C Small (Scot) bl S Lee 10-8. MEN'3 DOUBLES: Semi-finals: S Lareau (Can) and A O'Bran (US) bi G Forget (Fr) and J Hitsek (Switz) 6-3, 5-7, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, S Edberg (Swe) and P Korda (C2) bi P Gabranti (US) and A O'Ihovskiy (Fluss) 6-2, 7-6, 6-3 Hartford 2: Detroit 4 San Josa 2: New York Rangers 4 Philadelphia 4 (OT), Pritsburgh 4 Otases 3: Toronio 2: Orkago 2: (OT), 5: Louis 6: Winnipeg 5: Calgary 4 New York, Istanders 1, Datas 5: Edmonton 3: Anahem 2: Vancouver 1 and J Trotman (GB) bi A Capedimonie and O Scientino (h) 6-1, 6-1 day night's late results NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Presox 2 Glossop North End 2 CRICKET INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: tray 3 Wales (), France 3 Portugal 2, Greece 2 Israel 1. COCA-COLA Cup. Quarter-finel replay: Berninghern 2 Norwork 1. 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Saturation coverage takes on new meaning

Augusta, Georgia; green blazer, mega-money ..., "What a good idea." as the Queen Mother likes to say, to have Masters outside the US of A.

From Durban, which I reached via Ladysmith, you take the road south. bypassing familiar-sounding seaside towns like Margate and Ramsgate. San Lameer is the last but one resort before the border with the Eastern Cape; it consists of a lush golf course twice voted in the top 12 of South Africa and some 150 terracotta-coloured town houses which abut the fairways and are for sale at asking prices around £100,000.

"We've had 500mm of welcome rain since the beginning of December and every care has been taken that the course is in outstanding condition." Mr Paton, the superintendent, stated. As another threefigure millimetreage descended from the heavens on the morning of the opening day, the course was -how shall we put this? - wet. Wet but lush. Soft, umbrella weather. Let's not go to a golf course weather. I had not realised that the SA

The Masters has a ring about it: Masters was an event to which people did not go so I - and a nice man called Louis who accompanied me - were all there was in the way of "galiery".

At 6.40am, loggs, Jamieson and Kies leed off at the 1st; Moore, Sidley and Rey replicated their action at the 10th and if you were to say: "Are these names that I should recognise as golfers?", I would reply that they are indeed not household names. McNulty is the one from 132 starters who jumps from the list of runners, rings an instant bell: McNulty who is warm favourite to win; McNulty whom I saw sink a longish birdie putt at the 18th to go into the first nine holes two under par.

t have never fathomed how one man can attend a golf tournament in which 26 threesomes are played simultaneously and come up with a sharply written summary of the day's action, making especial mention of the highlights.

My report will be found to lack a certain continuity and as my notes disintegrated in the rain it contains only those details that imprinted themselves on my sodden memory. Like A Tillman (Eng), 6ft 6in and



thin as a rake. He comes from The Wildernesse club, near Sevenoaks and had to qualify to play here. I introduced myself. He said: "My father is coming out tomorrow." Not a lot you can say to that. At the 1st he hit a poor shot on to a bank, from which it rolled down to the edge of the fairway; he had to stand a foot above the ball, which is no easy matter for a man of that height, but his second landed on the green, he carded a par four and disappeared into the rain.

TTrodd (Eng) was playing the 12th with Mrs Trodd carrying his clubs.

They said they came from Becken-ham. I said: "How are you doing?". He said: "Not well, but it will get better

Al the 13th tee a nice quiet girl sat by an aluminium dispenser and a astic ice-box. I asked what was her function. She replied that she was in charge of Energade, a popular soft drink, so I took a beaker and drank some. It was pink. She lives locally, heard they needed people to "man" the drinks stations around the course and landed the job: E9 a day for the four days. She has just left school, is about to get a job and is then going overseas. Where? East Wemyss, Fife.

I said, oh yes.

Louis goes out and comes back, he stops him and demands his ticket. "I am with him," he says, pointing at me; Kennedy gives him a curt nod. There is about this event an overwhelming lack of occasion ... and it is not just the weather and the flics and the absence of an audience. Everything works but no one seems to be in charge or care sufficiently. At the entrance to the club some 20 young black caddies stand around

hoping for employment and I leave San Lamcer and its green fairways with divots waiting to be replaced, houses waiting to be sold, security men waiting to find someone who can be given a hard time.

n the way back north I observe a hundred white bowls players in white hats on a green at Uvongo Beach, though it looks like Skegness, and I listen to the sports broadcast discussing South Africa's pathetic performance against Egypt in the African Nations Cup tie the day before.

On consideration, give it a year or four and the SA Masters might become an event worthy of this lovely country.

An attack of the ETs

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Gosling in a Flap. Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.

The eternal question-mark in his voice singles out Ray Gosling as the The eleman question-mark in his voice singles out way cosmig as juin the man to inquire into some very odd goings on in west Wales, ip years ago. Depend on it, if a Martian landed on Gosling's front lawn and established its identity to everyone else's satisfaction, Gosling-would still insist on seeing its driving licence. In the area around Haverfordwest, locals swore with hand on heart that 45 times in 1970 they heat more which they could not heart that 45 times in 1970. they had seen what they could only describe as UFOs and their passengers. "Like an inverted jelly mould," said one of them. "A man in a silver suit with what looked like an aerial promuding from his." shoulder," said another. Gosling does not ask this question, so I will "But why Haverfordwest?"

The Classic Serial: Sunset Song. Radio 4, 2.00pm.

Some Sassemachs will not have an easy time of it listening to episode one of Brian McCabe's dramatisation of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's novel. Not that Scots will lose much sleep over that. When Gibbon novel. Not that Scots will use much steep over that. When only wrote Sunset Song and the other novels in his trilogy. A Scots Quar, he was attempting to capture the rhythms and cadences of northeast Scotland. Nonetheless, I suspect that McCabe has modified them for issteners south of the border. I understood enough of the dialogue to appreciate that Sunset Song is strong, emotional stuff that exploits is rural setting in much the same way Hardy did. Vicki Masson plays the sorely-tried heroine, Chris Gutture.



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Daly loses pounds in pursuit of further riches

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SINGAPORE

THERE are those in golf who marvel at John Daly's prodigious talent while despairing at his lapses from conventionally acceptable behaviour. Daly, you see, is like the little girl in the poem: when he is good he is very, very good and when he is bad he is horrid.

He was very, very good when he won the Open, at St Andrews last July, and horrid when he flew into Jamaica for the world championship last month and, without any signs of making a serious sttempt at practice, recorded four rounds in the eighties.

At the Johnnie Walker Classic here, there has been reason for cautious optimism that Daly has at last realised that performances such as his in Jamaica are unacceptable. A first round of 67, five under par, represents one of his owest starts for some time.

It was 13 strokes fewer than his first round in Jamaica. where he took an eight on his opening hole. He was long, hit

Daly had arrived in Singapore on Monday, after an 18hour flight from the United States, and almost immediately made his way to the practice ground, where he hit balls and putted for more than two hours. This was in marked contrast to his behaviour in Jamaica.

Perhaps someone had got to him and said that he had better not behave in January in the Far East as he had done

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in December in the West Indies.

then. Now I am off burgers and chocolate and I want to

Daly is a complex character, one who can charm the birds out of the trees one minute and do something daft the next. In conversation, late on Wednesday afternoon, he was his relaxed and beguiling self and he put his finger on one of the characteristics that have dogged his meteoric and turbulent

career. "I love where my career is," he said, "but I do not like my consistency." He has realised that few golfers have won three major championships before they are 30 - and, with two already under his belt and his thirtieth birthday not until after the Masters, in April, he has a chance to join them. There are some certainties about this part of the world in

January. One is that Raffles Hotel will be serving Singapore Slings, another that torrential rain fails at four 0 clock each day. Play was interrupt-A further sign of Daly's ed for two hours vesterday as rain hammered into the course with malicious intent. Such a downpour comes as a welcome relief from the suitry heat of the rest of the day. when the sun causes many locals to walk around shielding themselves beneath umbretias, but it does seem to call into question the wisdom of staging a tournament as important as this one at the end of the monsoon season.

lose another 15 pounds."

D Howell (Eng) played tidily but was outdriven by D Terblanche, who carriers a paunch of some significance. "How can you be so fat, man?" asked Louis, who says it like it is. "I have lost 20 kilos," Terblanche said and chipped with a nine-iron to

A young black caddle sits at the door of the clubhouse minding a golf bag, smoking a Lucky Strike, using the packet as the ashtray. A security man called Kennedy arrives and, as

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the ball straight and putted well and, when he does that, then a low score is inevitable.

He and Ernie Els were the equal best of the six men who have won major championships, beating the 68 by Fred Couples and Bernhard Langer, the 69 by Ian Woosnam and the 71 by Greg Norman. Daty and Els are one stroke behind Brad Hughes, of Aus-tralia, and Olle Karlsson. of Sweden.

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intent is that he has begun to lose weight. He is down from 15 stone to 1312 and the belt of his trousers has been taken in by two inches. "When I found myself looking fatter than Fuzzy Zoelter, 1 thought to myself this is getting ridicu-lous'." Daly, who ate several chocolate chip muffins during each round at St Andrews. "My waist was 38 [inches]



Daly in action at the Tanah Merah Country Club. Photograph: David Cannon/Allsport

France recall Penaud to face Scots

BY DAVID HANDS by establish with Thomas RUGBY CORRESPONDENT Castaignede the centre pairing which has served Toulouse so

FRANCE, forced by their own well this season. Toulouse and other leading disciplinary procedures to French clubs will join col-leagues from England, Scotchange a winning XV. yesterday recalled the mercurial Alain Penaud to the side land. Wales and Italy in a which will play Scotland at Murrayfield in the second Heathrow hotel today for the formation ~ mooted earlier round of rugby union's five this month - of a European Association of Professional nations' championship on February 3. Rugby Clubs. Though no dele-Having suspended Richard Dourthe for 30 days after he

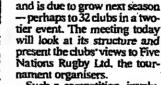
gates are expected from fre-land, their representatives kicked Ben Clarke during the have also been involved in defeat of England last Saturtalks this week, day, the French have restored involving some 60 clubs, the Penaud, but at centre rather association represents a signifthan his accustomed position icant move towards a united of stand-off half. front in negotiations with

There had been speculation potential sponsors and their that Philippe Carbonneau own governing bodies. At the would move from scrum half same time they will be able to to replace Dourthe and therespeak with one voice with TEAM

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiens): E Namach (Toulouca), A Pennard (Brive), T Castaigniede (Toulouce), P Saint-André Montletrand, captain), T Lacrobi (Dod), P Cartormeau (Toulouca): M Périe (Tou-ion), J-M Gonzalea (Bayonne), C Cali-ano (Toulouse), A Bernszzi (Agen), O Marte (Montlerrand), O Rournet (Dad), L Catharnes (Ruong), F Petitos (Dad), Replacoments: P Semati-Salles (Begler-Bordenzo), S Ollas (Bourgon), G Accorosharry (Bégles-Bordsau), L Bénézsch (Racing), M de Rougemont (Toulon) R Castel (Toulouse)

representatives of the unofficial European league, fronted by Ross Turnbull, the former Australian administrator, whose organisation has until January 31 to establish its credentials. At least the official Euro-

pean competition, the Heineken Cup. began this season



Such a competition, involving eight English, Welsh and French clubs, three from Ireland and Scotland, and two from ftaly, would run counter to the Anglo-Welsh league envisaged by the English and

envisaged by the English and Welsh unions, ENGLAND STUDENTS (whoten Students, Rossim Park, February 2): C Cating (Cortes), S Rober (Gay's Hospital, M Alien Loughorough), M Denney (Bistol, O Luger (Manchester), R Butland (Bath, S Cook (Noncastle), D Maloy (Branes Valley), C Johnson (Loughborough), M Sheley Newcastle), A Bannett (Leeds Methoduca), R Bisanley (Carbridga, Coptan), O Generoock (Manchester Metho-polian), A Pounney (De Mortiert), P Scherner (Burtel), Reptosements J Ution (Roafrej), F Wather (Rains), N Waisher (Rogston), O Macer (Dottod Brooks), M Long (Northurrbra), C Yandet (Swarsee).



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Paritament 8.58 Westing 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Dises. Sue Lawley's castaway is Chill Bouchier (r) 9.45 Readback, presented by Chris Dunkley 10.00-10.30 News; Gosling in a Flap (FM only). See Choice 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 This Scept"d Isle (LW only) 10.30 Woman's Houx, introduced from Manchester by Sheila McClemon. Senial: Mother of Pearl, by Mary Morrisey (7/12)

Sonata) 2.00 Schools. Let's Make & Story

Noclamon, Sena: Mother of Pearl, by Mary Monisey (7/12) 11.30 The Natural Hastory Programme 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Food Programme, presented by Darek Cooper 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke Clarke 1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Classic Serial: Sunset Song (r) See Choice 3.00 News; The Aflernoon Shift,

- 4.00 News (no American Shift, with Laure Taylor 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Thm Mariow reviews the Susan Hiller exhibition at the Tate Gallery, Liverpool, and the play Staughter-City 4.45 Short Story: Confession at Attitude, by Alexander McCat Smith, Read by Paul Young (7)
- 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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Tommy Pearson considers musical forms 5.15 In Tune, presented by Natelle stan) 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini, Scatati (Sonatas in E flat, Kk474 and 7.30 Scotlish Chamber 475); Mozart (Bassoon Concerto in 8 flat); Dvořák (Serenade for strings, Op 22) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Orchestra under Mikhail Pleinev, live from City Hall, Glasgow, Feeluring Schubert (Symphony No 5 in 8 flat); Mozert (Rondo In D); 8,15) Musical Encounters. Thomas (Overture, Mignon); Mozart (Clarinet Quintet in A); Haydn (Missa, Rorate coeli desuper); Françaix. (Symphony in G); 11.00 Britten (Lachymae); Bridge (Capriccio No 2; A See Idyll); Mahler, ar Britten (What the wild flowers tell me); Bach, an Stokowski (Toccata and Fuque in D minot) Commercial Necessity. Christopher Robson on musical arrangements; 8.35 Beethoven, air Pletney (Clarinet Concerto, air from the Violin Concerto) 9.30 The Maxton Festival, The last of this works Stokowski (Toccata and Fugue in D minor) 12.00 Composer of the Week: ProtoBev (Symphonic Song; Music for Children; Cantata, Zdravitsa, Hai to Stalin) 1.00pa St David's Hall Recital. Julian Loyd Webber, cello, John Lenehan, piano, perform Britten (Cello Sonata); James MacMillan (Kass on Wood); Wilkarn Lloyd Webber (Noctuma); Delius (Cello Sonata) 2.15 Music Box 2.30 Dance Workshop 2.50 Poetry Corner 3.00 Mining the Archive, Paul Guinery and Leslie Howard Survey the recorded legacy of the planist and accompanist Geolfrey Persons

last of this week's reports from Maxton Market Garden 9.50 Hear and Now. The second in a series of concerts from the institute of Contemporary Arts in London, Featuring Adam Gorb (Pretude, Interlude and Postlude); Interlude and Postlude); Jonathan Harvey (Tombeau de Messiaen); Steve Montague (Silence, John, Yvar and Tim); Actiran Jack (String Cuarter No 2; Michael Daugherty (Paul Robeson Told Me); George Crumb (Black Angels); and Michael Nymtan (Trombone Concerto) 12.00-1.00am Sekt, Smoke, Satire. The Jourth in a six-part series tracing the history of cabarat presented by Robert Ziegler

RADIO 4

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places, On the trail of Van Morrison's Coney Island 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Weak, with Christenber Sade Christopher Serle 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathen Dimbleby chairs a topical. discussion in Margate. On the panel are Janet Daley, ournalist; Baroness Jay of -Pactingtor; the Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of Rochester, the Bt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali; and Sir George Young, MP, Secretary of State for Transport 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Parties Berlins 9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.30 Kaleldoscope Feature: Kaleldoscope Feature: I Write This Stiting at the Kitchen Sink, Frances Donnelly talks to Joanna Trollope, Julian Barnes, Alan Strachan and biographer and Times columnist Valerie Grove about the playwright Dode Smith (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Love in

10.05 Book at Became Love in the Time of Cholera, by Gabriel Garcié Márquez (10/15)
11.00 Week Ending, News salls with Sally Grace, Taby Longworth, Jon Glover and Carohn Bonryman 11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.90 News, incl 12.27 am Weaker
12.90 The Late Books The Drowned World, Nicholas Farrel reads of J.G. Bellard Sadventure (5/10)
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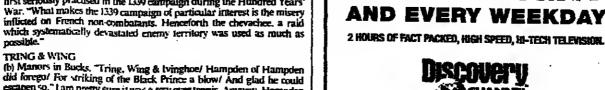
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1.00 Answers from page 35 RORKE'S DRIFT (b) Immediately after the virtual annihilation of a substantial British force at Isandiwana in January 1879, about 4,000 Zulus moved on to attack the staling at Rorke's Drift, garrisoned by a small detectment of regular soldiers, mainly Welsh. They numbered only about 200 or so, including non-combatants. orderlies, Taffy camp-lollowers, etc. But unbelievably they held out against the Zulus, who finally withdrew. Many decorations including several VCs were awarded thereafter. BROWN BESS (a) The British smooth-hore fliptlock musket, as opposed to the more accurate Baker rifle used by the 95th Foot (The Rifle Brigade). Both pieces were muzzle-loaders, but the rifling made the Baker slower to load but more likely to hit the bull's eye or the encary. The French foolishly rejected AS SEEN ON BEC2% THE HOUSE

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escapen <o." I am pretty sure it was a row over tennis. Anyway, Hampden surprisingly kept his head, if not his commuter suburbs, SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

(b) A devastating trampled-earth cavairy campaign. The English idea of total war, designed to break the energy's (usually French) morale. It was first seriously practised in the 1339 campaign during the Hundred Years'

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TELEVISION 39

An attack the ETT A nour before the return of NYPD Blue last night, a mour before the return of NYPD Blue

very familiar) set of staccato drumming noises, played over snatched, cinematic shots of a city, its people and its cops caught in cameo expressions. The point where homage becomes rip-off was reached so quickly here in fact ("Look, it's NYPD Blue done by somebody else!"), that for a moment I felt weightless and panicky. Was ITV's Thief Takers a spool — perhaps a superior version of *The Delectives*? But wasn't it supposed to be an upto-date Sweeney, without the ma-roon suits and Ford Cortinas? Any confusion about spoof sta-

tus was soon cleared up by the brilliant special effects of the ensuing scene - a car-bomb exploding outside a prison wall, the blast ripping through a sunny cul-de-sac of modern houses. From this point on, there unfolded a

BBC1

7.00 BBC Breaktest News (Ceefax

6.00am Business Breakfast (92220)

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bent, vengeful driver (Andrew Schofield).

There was no problem about it being a send-up because such a strategy entails personality — a quality oddly absent here. Instead, this was formula television, cunningly blent, and with sky-high production values but with the guest stars so far eclipsing the regulars that it looked almost like ad manners. Lame quips such as "He's the man who put the word kill back in psychopath" didn't help the poor inferior Regan substitutes much either. Wearily, warily, one shakes

hands with another team of colourless armed professionals, who banter in offices, never say "Bye" when they hang up and save each others' skin by the use of firearms. There are two girls on the Thief

BBC2

6.00am Business and Work: Make it Better (14930) 6.30 Not Just a Joke (93862)

7.00 Breakfast News, (Ceefax) (6919539)

eyed supremo, one Scot. In future weeks, one of these people will turn out to be alcoholic, or my name's not WPC Winston Kit-Kat ("Crackers") McFee. Of the team police dramas most recently on offer, the best by far was Out of the Blue. But Thief Takers is after a different audience - and is symptomatically shot in sunny daylight as opposed to rainy night. To quote its producer. Gina Cronk, There's always room for a police series that says, these are the bad guys, we don't like them. Let's kick their doors down and arrest them"."

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the real thing - NYPD Blue - returned to Channel 4 at 10pm and it was like Thief Takers turned inside out. The crime was soon forgotten amid the flurry of personal soap-opera

Twelve Angry Men

ITV, 8_30pm



events afflicting the men and women of the blah-blah precinct. Martinez was shot, for a start that sweet, keen boy whom viewers have known since he was a puppy! Donna the secretary ner-

nez that many of us lost all the feeling in our left legs - just out of sympathy for his traumatic paralysis. Every time his neurologist stuck a pin in his leg ("Feel that?"), we should in dismay, "No! No, nothing!" Medavoy paced up and down, blaming himself; while the real culprit was a cop on an undercover operation, whom the DA wanted left alone. (Is that a "sweetheart deal"? I wish I knew terms like that.) Often in the blahblah precinct, loyal hard-working men fume and kick furniture when they hear the unjust ruling from above; and then they recklessly by-

ters; it's as simple as that. And their history is vividly imprinted

only yesterday that they had their first date, with Sipowicz mopping his brow over a big steak dinner. "I sweat when 1 eat," he shrugged, defensively. She smiled. "I like that in a man

ailing the guilty had a good night last night. Thief Takers kicked the door down: NYPD Blue blew the whistle to the press; and in Traces of Guilt (BBC2) forensic archeologists found conclusive proof of massacres in Guatemala - massacres that are stil) officially

Considering how a forensic science series might have turned out - the equivalent of a tacky True Crime shelf - Traces of Guilt is excellent: a miracle of good taste. And if it was less dramatically

satisfying than last night's dramas, blame reality. Only in the real world can you prove guilt but not cuff the "perps" and lead them off to the cells.

The perps in question here were a band of soldiers who rounded up Mayan women and children one sunny day in 1982. By opening the mass graves 12 years later, forensic genius Clyde Snow could establish the truth. Officially, these people were caught in crossfire. But the villagers claim children had their arms lopped off and received machete blows to the head. This was all borne out by solid bone.

Dr Snow has a slow southern drawl punctuated by drags on a cigar - in a western they would call him Old-Timer. But age lends authority, and smoking has gravelled his tonsils. When he pushes back his hat, rests his big belly on a fence and says: "There is a fence and says: "There is abundant evidence of homicide," he sounds like the voice of God.

yously adjusted her stiff bouffant (it would stop a bullet) and asked Jimmy Smits if he would "like to see her socially". Sipowicz and Sylvia found out they may be pregnant CHOICE

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Disney's Pluto (2659689) 4.00 Zzzapi (2483775) 4.15 Bimble's Bucket (s) (5215256) 4.40 Gladiatons: Train to Win (Teletett) (7385355) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (6728404)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (665607) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (105201)

6.45 Sportsweek (171404)

- 7.00 Family Fortunes. This week the Tickle family compete against the Pughs of Stockport (Teletext) (s) (r) (9065)
- to an uncertain future and Requel and Curly play matchmaker (Teletext) (775)



HTV WALES As HTV WEST except 2.50pm-3.20 The Really Helpful Programme (4105249) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (370404)

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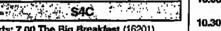
(370404) 10.40 Central Weekend (74640997) 2.10am The Chart Show (6683379) 3.05 Dear Nick (3248621) 4.00 Jobfinder (7863176) 5.20 Asian Eye (3474176)

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12.25am Film: Stars and Bars (831263)

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9.00 Fifteen to One (1) (Teletext) (s) (96862) 9.30 Schools: Eurekal (3063688) 9.45 Stop

7.00 The Big Breakfast (16201)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am The Complete Comper (r) (5542201)

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12.00 Gardens Without Borders (r), (Teletext) (s) (16626)

- 12.30pm Sesame Street with Randy Travis (28152) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (43268) 2.00 Oasts (s) (18665249)
- 2.25 FILM: The Perfect Woman (1949, b/w). Fast-moving farce starring Patricia Roc as a woman who causes comic chaos when she takes the place of her inventor uncle's lite-like female robot Directed by Bernard Knowles (Teletext) (420620) 4.00 Backdate. (Teletext) (s) (404)
- 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (688)
- 5.00 Cutting Edge; i Married a Great Train Robber (r). (Teletext) (6978)
- 6.00 Blossom: Hunger (r). (Teletext) (s) (881) 6.30 Happy Days: Motorcycle (r). (Teletext) (133)
- 7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (405959) 7.55 Book Choice. Lady Colin Campbell reviews the latest books on the Queen, including Sarah Bradlord's recent (ome. (Teletext) (s) (731220)
- 6.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason meets the ex-pals at the Moraira Gardeners' Circle, north of Benidorm, Spain (Telelext) (s) (6355) 8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (5862)
- 9.00 Cyblil: Look Who'a Stalking. American sit-com starring Cybill Shepherd and Bruce Davison. (Teletext) (s) (6572)
- 9.30 Rising Damp: Hello Young Lovers (r) (3) (24133)
- 10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy series. (Telelext) (s) (17355)

- 9.10 Kilroy (a) (2675065) 7.15 Lassie (r) (3033317) 7.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (7180572) 8.05 The Reality Wild Show (r). (Ceefax) (s) 10.00 News (Ceelax) (3146571) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (a) (6812152). (51406881 . 10.30 Good Morning (a) (67305) 8.35 The Record (s) (9324423) 9.00 Consuming Passions (6274133) 12.00 News (Ceafax), regional news and weather (6958133) 12.05pm Pebble Mill Special(s) (9196539) 12.50 Regional News (13891794) 9.05 Davtime on Two 2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (86389959) 2.10 Sport on Friday leaturing tennis, skating and skiing (823862) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceetax) and weather (33978) 3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (5043959) .30 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (84953220) 50 Benacek (2245065) WALES: 1.50 Bowls (2245065) 4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (336), WALES: 4.00-5.30 Bowls (10626) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (220) 3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (1817220) 3.50 Look Sharpl (s) (2649201) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (r) (8769626) 4.15 Julia Jekyfi and Harriet Hyde (Ceefax) (s) (2471930) 4.30 The Mask (Ceefax) 5.00 Esther (s) (2775) 5.30pm The Village (148355) 5.55 My Village. Klitingworth, an old pit village ar Newcastle upon Tyne (833572) 6.00 The Munsters (b/w), Classic ghoulish humour from America. (Ceefao) (118775) 6.25 The New Avengers; Dead Man Are Dangerous, Steed's returns home to find 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (149084) N.L. 5.35 Inside Ulster his possessions are plundered (r). (Ceetax) (584510) 7.15 Electric Circus, Entertainment magazine (s) (779220) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (423) N.J.: 6.30 Neighbours 6.57 Inside Lister News 7.30 Sounds of the Eighties, Musical memories, this week locusing on soul and funk (Ceetax) (s) (249) considerans, Bob Monkhouse referees a quick-fire battle of wits between team captains Eddle Large and Phill Jupitus, 8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Steve Beny reports on Britain's first indoor motorcycling trialing event at the Sheffield who are joined by Jim Bowen and Kevin Arena, (Caefax) (s) (8959) 8.30 Gardening from Scratch. Helen Yemm with advice on pruning and on how gerdeners can increase their stock of plants for free. (Ceetax) (s) (2274) 9.00 Pab C. Nesblit. More wit and wisdom from Glaswegian philosopher. (Ceetax) (s) (1404)

3.05 Timekeepers. Quiz (s) (5320249) (s) (9685978)

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- 4.55 Newsround Extra (Ceefax) (6614862) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceetax) (s) (7293862)
- 6.00 Sbx O'Clock News (Ceefax) (171)
- 7.00 Gagtag. Comedy quiz for stand-up
- Day (Ceetax) (s) (4997) 7.30 Tomorrow's World. Featuring the story of Greg Dix, a young man left temporarily paralysed after an accident; and a report from Finland on new double-ended ships designed to carve through ice-strewn
- waters (Ceefax) (s) (607) . 8.00 Just Good Friends. With Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis (r) (Ceefaul) (7107)

8.30 A Question of Sport. Sporting quiz (Ceetax) (s) (2152)

9,30 The Fast Show. Comedy sketch series (1). (Ceelex) (3) (39065) HILLING STATES

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Paul Merton in Galton and Simpson's ...

It may be a sign of the paucity of new comedy material that television's latest sit-com venture is a revival of scripts by Ray Galton

and Alan Simpson, some of them well over 30 years old. Paul Merton is the star of all

eight programmes, five of them old Tony Hancock vehicles. Traditionalists, who

cannot see anybody but Hancock in The Lift or The Radio Ham, may take some

fresh and funny as ever. Inspector Wexford Special: Simisola

TV. 9.00pm

be many viewers too young to have known the originals and much of the dialogue is as It is three years since Ruth Rendell's dopped detective solved his last televised case. As all

the Wexford stories had been screened, and Rendell had decided against writing any more, that seemed to be that. But Rendell relented and Wexford is back, reassuringly embodied by George Baker. The Wexford cases are as much whodunnits as Agatha Christie's, but with darker undertones and believable characters, Simisola, which has been adapted in three parts by the admirable Alan Plater, works both as a satisfying puzzle

and a subtle treatment of race prejudice. A Nigerian doctor's daughter goes missing and one of the last people to see her alive is found strangled at home. The conventions of the genre demand that there must be a connection and the challenge for the gruff, stolid and patient Wexford, and indeed for

us, is to tease it out. The Real McCoy

BBC2, 10,00pm

York City.

EastEnders takes itself so seriously that it cries out to be lampooned and the gifted all-

convincing. Although Merron wisely avoids

6.25 HTV News (208862)

7.30 Coronation Street, Tricia returns home

8.00 The Bill; One Night With You, Deakin discovers an evil and sinister ring which may hold a clue to the disappearance of

a five-year-old boy (Teletext) (8713)

on the viewer's mind. Martinez was sent a crucifix by "John". HTV

pass authority to get what they want. Last night was no exception. NYPD Blue has great charac-

	news and weather (3862)		Pauline, forever moaning into her cardigan.		Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (16201)	Tonight the comedian enters the world of
	9.30 The Lonely Walk - A 999 Special		to ghastly Grant and bossy Peggy, the voices	and the second sec	9.00 Fifteen to One (96862)	health. (Telelext) (s) (568775)
	Dramatic reconstruction of the mission to		and mannerisms are spot on. To say that the		9.30 Schools	
	defuse a wartime bomb found in millions"		send-up is so much furnier than the original	ac the first		
	of gallons of water beneath one of		is not meant to be faint praise, even if		12.00 Sesame Street (23404)	1.5 Mar. 1
	London's biggest gasworks. (Ceefax) (s)	1	EastEnders is hardly famous for its laughs.	Merton ravives Hancock (8.30pm)	1.00 Slot Meithrin: Plismon Puw (26688)	and the second
	(659171) N.L. 9.30 P.K. Tonight 10.20		Elsewhere The Real McCoy offers the usual		1,30 Film: The Prisoner of Shark Island	
	The Lonely Walk - a 999 Special 11.15	ATTACK AND A CONTRACT OF AN ADDRESS	mixture of sketches, some inevitably more	8.30 Batting Paul Merton in Galton and	(13573930)	
1. 1. 1. 1	FILM: Alive! 1.15am Weather		successful than others but all performed with	Simpson's Twelve	3.15 Murun Buchstansangur (9042171)	
· - + •	10.25 FiLM: Alive (1992). starring Ethan		pace and verve. There is also a spot for Geoff	Angry Men. (Teletext) (s) (7220)	3.30 A Taste of the Caribbean: Dominica	
	Hawke. When a plane crashes in the		Schuman, who is not only one of the largest	9.00 States The Ruth Rendell	(997)	
	Andes, killing several passengers and		stand-up comics to have been on television	Mysteries: Sknisola		
	crew, the survivors must overcome the		recently but, on this evidence, one of the	(Teletext) (s) (6201)	4.00 Backdate (404)	
	unthinkable and eat the flesh of those		more promising.	10.00 News at Ten and weather (Telelext)	4.30 The Pulse (688)	
	who died. Directed by Frank Marshall		Who Ciallo Cham	(19713)	5.00 5 Pump: Syth 96 (3650152)	
•	(Ceelax) (s) (875638) WALES: 10.25 All		The Girile Show	10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (405317)	5.15 5 Pump: Bernard (4021688)	
	Our Lives (537572) 10.55 Bowls (777336)	Tha Real McCoy team (10.00pm)	Channel 4, 11.05pm	10.40 FILM: The Woman Who Sinned (1991)	5.30 Countdown (268)	
	11.45 FILM: Alve! (796510) 1.45am	in the second	As the series is put together at the last minute	starring Susan Lucci, Tim Matheson and	•••••	
	News headlines and weather (2893114)	10.00 The Real McCoy (Ceefax) (s)	this can only be a second-hand and not a	Michael Dudikoff. An unfulfilled	6.00 Newyddion (594171)	
1.1	12.25 FiLM:Django (1966) starring Franco	(99959)	first-hand report. But Channel 4's new	businesswoman longs (or excitement	6.15 Heno (953826)	
	Nero. Spaghetti western, set on the	10.30 Newsnight, (Ceefax) (213713)	venture for the youth market seems certain	and attempts to find it in an extra-marital	7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (423539)	Williams, Cox and Gorham (11.05pm)
. · · ·	American-Maxican border. A former	11.15 Fantasy Football League. David	to rustle a few feathers which, judging by the	affair. Directed by Michael Switzer	7.25 Cerdd Y Cymry (681442)	
-	Union soldier wreaks vengeance on the Ku Klux Klan. Directed by Sergio	Baddlei and Frank Skinner are joined by	advance publicity, is exactly what it is trying	(Teletext) (s) (74640997)	8.00 Cetn Gwiad (6355)	11.05 The Girlie Show (s) (360220)
	Corbucci (2819534)	Danny Baker and Dani Behr (s) (369775)	to do. The show is presented by women, and	12.25am Hotel Babylon. Dani Behr's guests	8.30 Newyddion (5862)	
		11.45 Weather (868846)	for women, though it hopes that men will watch as well and be suitably offended.	include Chelsea footballer Ruud Gullit		11.55 Beavis and Butt-Head (455572)
	1.55am Westher (2899398)	11.50 European Figure Skating	Resident presenters are Sara Cox (20), who is	and singer Sheryl Crow (4537992)	9.00 Pawb Ai Fam (793442)	12.25am FILM: Stars and Bars (1988).
		Championships Highlights of the free	billed as "checky, scxy and smart" with a	1.05 The Good Sex Guide Late	9.45 Short and Curlles: The Spy Who	Comedy starring Daniel Day-Lawis as a
		dance (811323)	"filthy sense of humour"; Clare Gorham (29),	(8940350)	Caught a Cold (761442)	very proper Englishman who becomes
	VideoPtus+ and the Video PlusCodies	12.40 FILM: Australia (1989) starring Jeremy	a journalist with a spiky tongue; and Rachel	2.05 FILM: The Outsider (1983) starring	10.00 Brookside (17355)	increasingly involved in mishaps when
	The numbers need to each TV programme listing are Video . PlucCode " numbers, which allow you to programme your video recorder instantly with a VideoPlus+ " hardwell.	Irons and Fanny Ardant. A drama about a	Williams (28), a "brazen, gorgeous"	Jean-Paul Belmondo and Henry Silva. A	10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole	he goes to Georgia to buy a Renoir.
	Video Recorder Instantly with a Video Plus + " handsel. Video Plus + can be used with most videos. Tap in the Video	Belgian living in Australia and involved in	American supermodel. The first programme	mavenick cop breaks all rules in his	(568775)	Directed by Pat O'Connor (s) (831263)
	PusCode for the programme you wish to record. For more details call VideoPus on 0639 121204 (calls cost 360/min	the wool trade who returns to his native	offers a searching look at the male species	pursuit of a drugs ring (187621)	11.05 The Girlie Show (360220)	2.05 FILM: The Tin Star (1957, b/w) starring
	chase win discloun at other bries) or weile to VideoPust +. 1	country when business hits a bad patch,	and a girls' night out in Liverpool. A regular	3.55 Live from London (r) (s) (5821263)	11.55 Beavis and Butt-head (455572)	Henry Fonda as a one-time sherift turned
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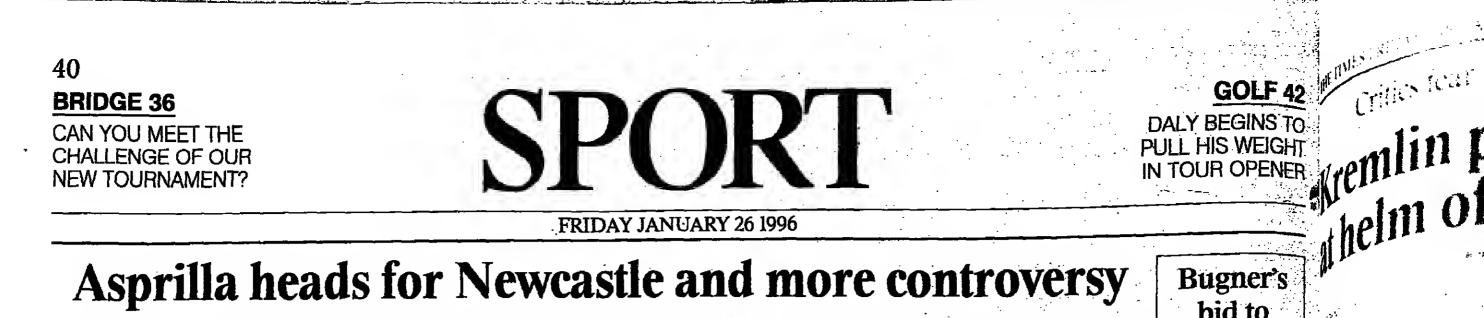
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Asprilla heads for Newcastle and more controversy

BY DAVID MADDOCK

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA was heading for Newcastle last night, intent on completing drawn-out negotianuns over his proposed E6.7 million transfer to Newcastle United Football Club. Before he can finalise the lucrative move from Parma, however, he must first convince the tmmigration Office that he should be allowed to remain in England. Asprilla is serving a one-year

suspended jail sentence for firearms offences in his native Colombia. He

must report, monthly, to his nearest Colombian consulate as part of his release arrangements. It is a situation which has aroused the interest of the immigration authorities.

Under immigration law, any person with a criminal record attempting to enter the United Kingdom can be refused admission. Home Office officials confirmed last night that Asprilla will have to persuade them that his offence was a minor one before he is given permission to stay.

The Colombian is no stranger to

controversy and his acquisition by Newcastle has raised a few eyebrows within football. He leaves Parma under a cloud after a dispute with the Italian club's coach and general manager

Several episodes have aroused the interest of the Italian media, including an alleged relationship with an Italian actress. Newcastle officials. however, are confident of securing his untroubled passage into this country.

Parma confirmed that the international forward had left their club last night, intent on forging a new career in England. "He was due to fly to Milan and then on to London," spokesman said.

Asprilla is expected to arrive in Newcastle this morning, where he hopes to resolve the question of how a £2 million signing on fee will be paid by his proposed new club. It is this detail which has so far prevented the deal from being completed. Asprilla was not the only footballer to have trouble with the authorities yesterday. Paul Gascoigne, the

England international and Rangers

midfield player, learnt that he will we will certainly be contesting this face a charge, in a Rome court early in October, of assault on a photographer in an incident in the city two

Mel Stein, Gascoigne's solicitor, confirmed last night that his client would be denying the charge — and filing a counter claim with the civil courts in Italy. Stein explained that the incident took place after Gascoigne attempted to remove a film from the photographer's camera "There is no case to answer and

one," Stein said: "It is outrageous. We consider that, time and time again, Paul was subjected to an invasion of privacy under Italian law, and that is a matter we will be pursuing.

"What they did was hound Paul --and other stars - until he cracked. In this incident he merely reacted as any person would do in the same circumstances. It was perfectly justified."

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FROM STUART JONES. TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

IN HER assessment of the but also in Australia, should hierarchy of the women's game, Monica Seles made one undiplomatic omission in an otherwise predictable list. She failed to mention the name of Anke Huber, the 21-year-old German who is to oppose her in the final of the Australian Operl

There is a danger, as Huber herself admitted, that she may be treated equally dismissively on the court tomorrow. in their six previous matches. she has not taken a set, even when Seles was feeling her way during her competitive comeback at the Canadian

Open five months ago. It was then, amid all the hoop-la, that Seles confessed that the Australian Open would be her first realistic chance of collecting another grand-slam title, her ninth. She almost ran ahead of her own schedule, reaching the final of the US Open, where she submitted in three sets to Steffi Graf.

As Germany's Nol is absent through injury. Germa-ny's No 2 has filled the role of

have been ended by the revelation of the fortnight.

Chanda Rubin, as well as establishing a record for duraa row bility in the semi-final against Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, was on the verge of creating more

indelible history. The 19-year-ofd held two points to lead 5-1 in the final set and served for the match at 5-3. Her nerves did not fail her; nor were they likely to. She has, after all, successfully endured the longest women's matches here and at Wimbledon. Instead she was let

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down by the policy which, at deuce, took her to within a couple of points of her finest victory. She took her natural aggression too far. "I still tried to go for it," she said, "but I couldn't close it out."

One point, in particular, she would happily replay. At 5-3 and 30-15, she told herself to make sure of the first service After disobeying the advice, Rubin to assume control. her second attempt was not Moreover, the comparatively only also long but unnecessarinexperienced American was ily fiery. At 153kph, it was responsible for yielding the faster than any of Huber's crucial points in the closing later in the afternoon. stages through her adventurous strategy rather than Seles taking the initiative. Yet Rubin recognised the futility of diffidence. "If you don't dictate, she will," she Stefan Edberg, who was eliminated from the singles in said. The theory had been graphically illustrated during the second round, earned himself a last hurrah. Having

the second set. The American serving at 2-1 and 40-30. retreated to a defensive position and conceded 16 points in

With her powerful service and forehand, Rubin is armed with the weapons to infiltrate the top ten. All she needs is the belief that she can be more than a mere contender. Significantly, her ambitions at present lie no further than winning a tournament on the

Tour this year". Coetzer, after being defeated by Seles in the final of the Canadian Open, suggested that the world's joint No I would not be so dominant once she and her peers had been come accustomed to her style. So it has proved. Lind-

Davenport, for instance, held a match point against Seles in Sydney a formight Seles is more vulnerable than her rivals might have

previously imagined. Having committed only four unforced errors in the first set, for instance, she made three during the tie-break to



mount title challenge ruled out By SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT JOE BUGNER'S applica tion to challenge Scott Welch, of Sboreham, for Common wealth the heavyweight champion-ship has been turned down by the Common-

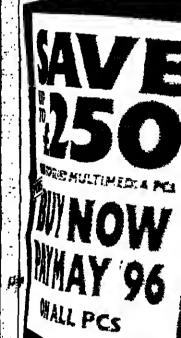
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wealth Boxing Council Frank Warren, who hoped to promote the bout, now intends to bring the 45-year-old Australian over to meet Welch in March for the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) international title, which Welch also holds.

Bugner has had only one contest in eight years, recently beating Vince Cervi to become Australian champion. According to the Commonwealth Council, one bout in eight years does not give Bugner contender status, however. Warren has told the British Boxing Board of Control of his intention to stage the WBO interna-tional contest, but the promoter has yet to hear whether Bugner will be given a permit to box in Britain.

John Morris, the secre tary of the British board, said yesterday, however. "I personally don't think it's good for boxing to go through the Joe Bugner syndrome again. But the Board will consider any application."

Warren said: "I don't see how the board can stop him boxing for the WBO international title. The international inter the WBO have agreed. I can't see any problem with the fight if Bugner is medical-ly fit. They can reject him only on medical grounds. "It's a good fight against Welch, à 50-50 fight Nobody is saying it's a bad match. All they are saying is: "How old is he?" I.



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challenger. Huber was taken aback on two counts. First, on her own behalf. "This is a big surprise," she said after eliminating Amanda Coetzer, a fellow member of the top 20. Curiously, they had never met before.

Secondly, Huber thought that Seles's unbeaten record. not only in the championships

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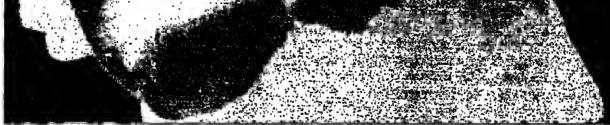
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announced that he is to retire this year, he and Petr Korda went through to the final of the doubles by beating the No 4 seeds. Patrick Galbraith and Andrei Olhovskiy. in three

Martin Lee and James Trotman, the Wimbledon boys doubles champions and seeded No 2 here, went through to the semi-final. Both of them were climinated prematurely in the singles, but in 14 (Simon Wilde writes). defeating Andrea Capodi-monte and Dario Sciortino. of The reasons for the decision, as given in a statement issued by the West Indies Cricket Italy, the No6 seeds, they earned themselves Board of Control, were sufficompensation. ciently vague to invite compar-



Huber drives a double-handed backhand during her three-set victory over Coetzer in Melbourne yesterday

West Indies lose Hooper

WEST indies' hopes of winisons with the last-minute ning the cricket World Cup withdrawal of Brian Lara last were seriously weakened yesmonth from the team to visit terday when Carl Hooper, Australia. The statement retheir leading all-rounder, was suddenly withdrawn from the ferred to Hooper's "mental and physical state" during the 14-man party for the tournapast year but gave no further ment that opens on February details.

The move was initiated by Hooper himself, who pulled out of the Guyana side for a Red Stripe Cup match in which he had to appear to fulfil his contractual qualifica-

tions for the World Cup. Unlike Lara, Hooper, Kent's overseas player, appears to have been quick to apologise for causing inconvenience. He has asked for the chance to serve the team again, although he will not play against New Zealand when they tour the Caribbean after the World Cup. Hooper's

place has gone, rather unex-pectedly, to a fast bowier, Cameron Cuffy.

cannot see them rejecting him because of his age if he is medically fit; look at Andries, Foreman and Holmes. But I've always: gone along when fighters. have not passed medicals." Bugner was stopped by Frank Bruno when he last boxed in Britain, in 1987.



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Greene ready for hair-raising event

Oliver Holt uncovers a player bracing

The American lust for sporting firsts that reaches its fevered height during the Super Bowi is preparing to be sated by a particularly unusual statistic this year. Kevin Greene, a key linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the match against

making him one of the most

immediately recognisable

But Greene, who grew up

on military bases in North

America and Germany and is

a tank commander in the

Army reserve, admitted yes-

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tenday that he may be forced to shear off his locks during the game if Erik Williams, the most notoriously rough offen-sive tackle in the National Football League, resorts to pulling his hair to stop him

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before 1 cut these locks." Greene said at the Sun Devil Stadium, where the match will be played. "The wife will the Dallas Cowboys here in be ready. I think she's going to Phoenix on Sunday, may be have the scissors with her. about to become the first She's going to come on the player to have his hair cut field and start chopping as soon as the game is over. I think she is in cahoots with during the game. Greene, 33, whose job is to try to disrupt the brilliant my dad. They want to double Cowboys offence. rebelled team me and chop it off.

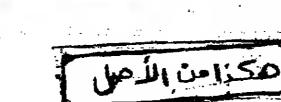
against his father, who was a "No opponent has resorted colonel in the US Army. and to grabbing my hair yet and 1 ignored the pleas of his wife, have always said that if some-

and the way he plays, he's going to do everything humanly possible to keep somebody from making a play. So there's a strong possibility I might have to be trimming it

I want to win this thing



Greene's flowing blond locks have become his trademark



himself for the chop at the Super Bowl one does and it keeps me from making a play then it's not worth having it long and I'd have it cut. If anybody's going to grab it, it might be the Cowboys. The only way I'll be able to keep Erik Williams's hands out of my face is to keep a chainsaw in my back pocket

as the game is going on. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it." Greene's quandary comes gainst a backdrop of hirsute

Super Bowl issues. Neil O'Donnell, the Steelers quar-terback, had confessed that he was under pressure from his agent to shave off his beard before the game. The agent, Leigh Steinberg, said a clean-shaven look would make O'Donnell appear "more ac-cessible" but his client resisted his overtures.

Three years ago, Jimmy Johnson, the former Cowboys coach who has just taken over from Don Shula at the Miami Dolphins, even answered questions at Super Bowl press conferences on his famously tousled hair. Greene, though is keen to cut his locks out of the spotlight if possible.

"It has never been this long before and it will never be this long again," he said. "It is a once in a lifetime thing. I envisage the wife and I getting home to Alabama and going out on the back porch, just her and I, and putting a sheet around me. Then we'll the a pio on the back and I'll give her the scissors and say, "Babe, have fun", That's what I envisage and I just hope it will be possible."

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Critics fear Yeltsin's choice of 'dinosaur' to run financial policy may turn back the clocks

Kremlin puts industrialist at helm of ailing economy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

MUM PRESIDENT. Yelisin yesterday appointed a controversial industrialist to head Russia's economic policy, prompting renewed fears about the Kremlin's commitment to reforming the economy: Vladimir Kadannikov, 54,

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who headed Russia's largest car producer, was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy to replace Anatoli Chubais, the pro-Western reformer who masterminded the country's privatisation programme. The move, although predict-

ed, was greeted with widespread disappointment in the business community and could delay, or even derail, a \$9 billion (£6 billion) LMF loan due to be finalised by the end of this month.

This week Yeltsin made a point of telling Western investors how committed he was to reform," said one banker, Then he goes and appoints this dinosaur to run the economy. What does he expect us to think?"

The threat of a U-turn in Russian economic policy. way from reform and back towards protectionism and government subsidies, was already signalled by Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister, who on Wednesday stated that Western-

style economic practices did not suit Russia. The Kremlin's apparent change of policy seems aimed at wooing disaffected voters away from the Communists,

who came out ahead in last month's parliamentary polls, and back to President Yeltsin, in time for his re-election bid in June. However, the tactic of substdising loss-making industries, increasing pensions and freez-

ing reforms could backfire badly if inflation rises and the stabilised rouble begins once again to lose its value. Anticipating criticism from Russian liberals and a pos-

Kadannikov: his policy may threaten reforms

sible backlash in the markets. President Yeltsin moved quickly to ease fears, by reconfirming that he regarded eco-nomic reform as "the most important thing," in his political life. "I do not intend to betray it," he said in a speech to students last night. He also made a bold pledge on timely payments. Beginning on payments. Beginning on March I, 1 am taking under my personal control the timely payment of wages, students'

stipends and pensions," he told the audience. However, his reassurances on economic reform failed to make much impact with Western investors in Russia who regarded Mr Chubais as a uarantor of reform and who view Mr Kadannikov as an

old-style Soviet factory boss more interested in subsidising and protecting Russian industry than modernising it. Reforms must be systematically adjusted to life," he said, hinting at a slowdown or halt to the privatisation process. We cannot talk about the

successful completion of reform without lifting the donestic branches of industry." Russian commentators have been widely critical of Mr Kadannikov, not least because of the terrible state of AvtoVAZ, the giant carmaker he used to run. Although the

Volga-based . company still produces vehicles and manages to pay its 100,000-man workforce, unlike many other Russian industries, il has failed to adapt to modern market realities. It is heavily in debt, dangerously infiltrat-ed by the mafia and its cars are widely regarded as unreli-able, outdated and overpriced. "Look what is happening to VAZ and you will understand what will happen to Russia." said Andrei Illyaronov, an economist.

In spite of his poor manage-rial skills, Mr Kadannikov has proved a skilful player in Moscow, where he has maintained close links with power ful figures in the Kremlin, including President Yeltsin, who considered him for Prime Minister in 1992.

As the Russian leader has steadily purged his Government of reform-minded liberals, so the opportunity arose for Mr Kadannikov to return to mainstream politics.

intervention.

According to some Russian over the state of democracy and Russia's intervention in press reports, he was supported for his new job by General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the Chechenia, the Council of Europe yesterday voted overshadowy and powerful presiwhelmingly to admit Russia dential bodyguard, and Mr as its 39th member. Soskovets, the anti-reformist Parliamentarians from East who has pledged to restore and West rejected pleas by Russian industry by state opponents to keep Russia waiting with the other three

FROM MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, IN STRASBOURG AFTER a day of heated debate applicant countries - Croatia, Bosnia and Belorussia - and voted by 164 to 35 to admit the Russians immediately, There were 15 abstentions. The motion had to be carried by a two-

thirds majority. The Council is seen as the yardstick and guarantor of democratic freedoms and human rights throughout Eur-

ope. Conservative and centreright parliamentarians, as well as speakers from the Baltic states, denounced Russia's actions in Chechenia and the lawlessness of Russian society; Socialists and Liberals from East and West gave a warning that keeping Russia waiting would hinder democratic and market reforms and

only encourage the Communists and nationalists. That prediction was given extraordinary emphasis by a furious denunciation from Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader of the Liberal Democratic Party. He called Russia a haven of freedom and democracy while insisting that the West was hell on earth. Paradoxically, however, he begged the Council members to vote against Russia, saying that this would bolster his contention that the West was Russia's enemy. Shouting and red in the face, Mr Zhirinovsky said Russia had protected Europe for more than a thousand years from Asian hordes and Turkish invaders; it had liber-

caused scandal in Strasbourg three years ago during a Council of Europe debate when he spat and threw clods of earth at Jews demonstrating against him, accused the West of hypocrisy in admitting countries such as Turkey, which bombed Kurdish villages, and Germany, which burnt Turks in hostels. Vytautis Landsbergis, the

nationalist leader and former President of Lithuania, accused Mr Yeltsin of being driven by the party of war. He gave a warning that Russia was eager to reconquer its former empire and said the Council would be held up to ridicule if it admitted such a member.

Western parliamentarians, however, said that democracy could be nurtured only if the country was given Western support. Sir Russell Johnston, for the Liberal Group, said that for a thousand years Russia had had no free press, free elections or independent judiciary. Now it had them, albeit imperfectly.

Mr Yeltsin made clear earlier this week the overriding importance Moscow saw in admission. His opponents.





Gennadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist Party leader, enters the assembly room in Strasbourg

Council of Europe admits Russia

it was now saving Europe from Chechen however, said that keeping barbarians. He said it was futile to

ated the West from the German yoke in the Second World

Mr Zhirinovsky,

mistress

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FROM SUSAN BELL

IN PARIS

rand's mistress and the moth-

er of his illegitimate daughter,

Mazarine, was tapped in the early 1980s by police at the

Elysée Palace, almost certain-

However, according to The

Ears of the President, by

Jean-Marie Pontaut and Jé-

rôme Dupuis, both investiga-tive journalists, M Mitter-

rand's wife, Danielle, escaped

surveillance. The Ears of the

President is the latest in what

promises to be a stream of

President

with

in France yesterday.

War: and

Russia waiting was the best way of ensuring it undertook criticise President Yeltsin for human rights and democratic his military operation against the Chechens: Mr Yeltsin was in fact too soft-hearted, and reforms. Chechenia showed that Russia was not ready for membership. Vladimir Lukin, the leader Mr Zhirinovsky predicted that after the presidential elections of the Russian delegation, in June the Kremlin would

warned the Council not to play take a far tougher stance. Pontius Pilate and wash its who hands of responsibility.

Charges Mitterrand over death unit stun 'was phone **Socialists**

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE decision by the Spanish Supreme Court to charge José Barrionuevo, a close friend of Felipe González, the Prime Minister, with the full extent

years, is trailing the conservative Popular Party in the runup to general elections on March 3. The opposition expects to win the election as a result of the indictment.

The Socialists had assumed that, at worst, Señor Barrionuevo, 53, would only be charged as an accessory to a bungled kidnapping by the death squads in southwest France in 1983, when they mistook a French businessman for an Eta leader. The squads killed 27 Eta suspects during Señor Barrionuevo's term as Interior Minister from

Yesterday Judge Eduardo Moner formally charged Senor Barrionuevo along with Rafael Vera, 50, the former director of state security. Both were freed on bail and their

squads, known as Gal, were formed in 1983 by Julian Sancristóbal, then Governor of the Basque province of Vizcaya, and other senior officials. He said Gal had received "the consent" of Señor Barrionuevo and Señor Vera and they were integrated in Gal directors".

José Maria Aznar, 42, the conservative leader, said: "I is impossible to think that the Prime Minister did not know all this was going on." Senor González reiterated vesterday that "I believe in his [Señor

1982 to 1988.

seven years in office. M Pontaut and M Dupuis say that between 1983 and 1986, the telephone lines of 2,000 people were tapped by the Elysée Among the targets were 128 journalists: 30 lawyers; five magistrates; the Aga Khan; Martine Aubry. the former Socialist Minister; Carole Bouquet, an actress; a

the station's transmitter. A legal investigation into

Telephone-tapping has long been used in French politics, and it has been known for some time that the Elysée engaged in wide spread, illegal spying during President Mitterrand's first passports impounded. Judge Moner said the death

books on the secretive President's political career and private life, following his death earlier this month.

nightclub; and a cleaning company. The authors also say that, when a radio station threatened to reveal details of the President's illegitimate daughter in 1982, two agents of the phone-tapping unit were sent to cut the wires of

the phone tapping continues. | Barrionuevo's innocence".

THE telephone of Anne Pingeot, François Mitterof directing death squads has stunned the Socialist Party. The party, which has been in power for more than 13 Mitterrand's knowledge, according to a book published

OVERSEAS NEWS

Icy walk for Utah child killer to execution chamber

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN BLUFFDALE, UTAH

ON THE day scheduled to be blank so that none could be John Albert Taylor's last, a loot of pristine snow landed on the roof of his execution chamber. Prison guards shovelled it to clear a path for his only relative, an uncle. Lawyers trudged through it to advocate a last-minute appeal. The prisoner sat all but oblivious to it in his death-watch cell, resolved to die by the loudest, bloodiest method an American court will sanction.

Six marksmen, each being paid \$300 (£198) to shoot a man at 25ft, gathered yester-day at the Utah state prison in Bluffdale to await their role in the grimly theatrical business of execution by firing squad.

Shortly before midnight (7am GMT) they were to take up position behind horizontal slots in a storage hanger in the maximum security wing. An alternate would stand by in case one dropped out. Of the remaining five, four were giv-en live rounds and the fifth a

Billy Bailey, a double murderer, was executed yesterday

for killing Gilbert aod Clara

Lambertson, an elderly farm-

He became the third mur-

derer hanged in America

since the death penalty was

reinstated by the Supreme Court in 1976. Bailey, 49,

opted for hanging instead of

His lawyer. Edmund Ly-

ons, said he "found the pro-

cess medieval and barbaric".

er and his wife, in 1979.

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sure of firing a fatal bullet. Ballistics experts said the blank had been made to give a normal recoil. Their target, harshly lit by

five floodlights, was described by witnesses of Utah's last firing-squad execution as a "throne of death". Nineteen years ago Gary Gilmore was shot dead in the same bleak warehouse but strapped to a second-hand wooden chair. Taylor's chair was purpose-

built in the prison workshop. Backed by 4in of pine and a mound of sandbags under black plastic sheeting, it was mounted on a sloping metal pan designed to collect the prisoner's blood. Side-flaps were added to minimise the spraying of blood and tissue. "He maintains his inno-

cence but doesn't want to go on living on death row." Jack Ford, the prison spokesman, told an international throng of reporters. A representative of

A view of the execution chair, and the openings

through which the chosen marksmen will fire

1979 killer hanged

protesters held a vigil.

said his parents "were very

innocent people ... they were

old and small and he was a

big brute. He chose to shoot

chose steak, baked potatoes,

rolls, butter, peas and vanilla

them so he chose to die". For his last meal Bailey

ice cream. (Reuter)

the state attorney-general's office would be on hand in case Taylor requested an appeal even as he walked his final 30ft, Mr Ford said. Sedation had been refused. Taylor's claim of innocence has been met with scorn by the

parents of Charla King, the IIyear-old girl who was found raped, sodomised and strangled with a telephone wire in her home north of Salt Lake City seven years ago. Taylor's fingerprints were found on the

telephone beside her body. Charla's mother, Sherron, was due to attend the execution at 12.02. She attacked the notion that it was barbaric. "Tell me what's barbaric," she said. "My daughter was alive when he raped her. He won't even hear the bullets." Indeed, Taylor will proba-

bly be dead before the sound of the rifle cracks catches up the four .30-calibre with rounds aimed at a white circle pinned over his heart.

He was due to be led in shackles from the death-watch cell to the execution chamber ten minutes before what Mr Ford insisted on calling "the midnight hour". Strapped down with Velcro, he would be invited by the prison warden to say his last words to the 18 witnesses behind one-way mirrors. After a paramedic had located his heart, Taylor was to be left alone, shielded only by a black hood.

Death penalty opponents held a thinly attended rally in driving snow in Salt Lake City on Wednesday night. They were due to meet Utah's Governor. Michael Leavitt, yesterday but held out little

Smyrna, Delaware: In the He asked: "If we are proud of first hanging here in 50 years, what we've done today ... hope of intervention. Taylor, 36, spent the day with an uncle. Gordon Lee, his what we've done today why [do] we do it at night?" About 100 anti-death penalty only known relative, and a lawyer who has become his spiritual adviser. Christine Rogers was behind his conver-Sauton Lambertson, 68, one of the victims' two sons who witnessed the execution,

sion to Catholicism. The countdown to his death has been grim. For 30 days, preparations have been con-ducted with the precision of a space launch. Even his last smoke was choreographed to take place on his walk through the snow. Smoking is banned

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prisoners' new-born babies.

"If the current situation continues for several months, there will be a riot or a catastrophe [in North Korea]." said Staff Sergeant Choe Kwang Hyok, 25, asoldier who de-fected to South Korea last month. "North Korean soldiers hope war will break out," he told a Seoul news

conference. Lee Soon Ok, who also

defected last month with her son, 29, told the same news conference she saw some starving prisoners eating mnd. She added: "When women prisoners gave birth to babies, prison officials strangled them to death in front of the mothers."

The remarks came as America. South Korea and Japan began a series of high-level

diplomatic meetings in Hawaii on North Korea, America indicated this week it was prepared to extend food aid; with Japan and South Korea, to the North, where 130,000 people reportedly face staryation. But South Korea reiterated yesterday that if would not provide aid unless Pyongyang dropped its hostile attitude to

Seoul. The South Korean

Prime Minister, Lee Soo Sung, said the North should first seek rapprochement.

Staff Sergeant Choe said he had gained I5kg (33lb) since defecting five weeks ago. His unit's staple food rations. mostly mixed corn and beans, were reduced from 800 to 650 grams (28oz to 23oz) a meal in September. Meat was handed out only 15 to 20 times a year.

or earth: the Baba has appeared to demonstrate both over the years. Close

North Korea famine makes troops 'hope for war'

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

soon die, hope a war will break out so they may be killed in battle instead, accord-

prison officials are strangling in Utah's public buildings.

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Pilot Baba emerges yesterday after four days in a hole. Rationalist critics who watched wore bullet-proof vests because of alleged death threats

Hindu holy man's underground feat strikes gold

multitude, telling them that his dem-

onstration of spiritual and mental

power was for the good of people the

world over. He shared the dais with

many boxes of apples, which he said

he would imbue with some of his powers and distribute to the people. The mooey rolled in; the Baha said

he had remained under water for six days in 1992 and had sat in an airtight

glass canister for two weeks. "I go into

a trance. I appear to be dead," he said.

up, however, his magic is rather less

impressive. He was buried not in earth, but entombed in a hole 9ft deep

and 9ft wide, with a charpoy (string

bed) and blanket. The hole was

covered with wooden poles, topped

with corrugated-iron sheeting, a plas-

tic cover and a couple of inches of soil, giving the impression he was buried. Members of the Indian Rationalist

Association, which debunks religious

myths, watched with evident amuse-

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ROHINI, INDIA

PILOT BABA, a renowned Hindu holy man, crawled unsteadily out of the ground yesterday, four days after being "buried alive" in one of the most ancient feats of Indian mysticism. He took a deep breath of crisp winter air, supposedly his first in 96 hours, and acknowledged the cheers and substantial financial offerings of 10,000

The art of not breathing, bhuamadhi, can be performed in water

Sanal Edamaruku, the secretaryment as the crowd became frenzied to the chanting of long-haired sadhus general of the Indian Rationalist (saints) dressed in saffron robes. The Association, and several supporters wore bullet-proof vests beneath their shirts. He said he had received death Baba, surrounded by priests, climbed on to a dais where he addressed the

threats for trying to discredit the holy man. The Baba performed his feat in a public park in the small town of Rohini, on the edge of Delhi. Mr Edamaruku said the aim was to rally public support to take over the park for construction of a temple.

grabbing. Once he gains popular support, he can gain access to political power and eventually take the land." He said all miracles performed by holy men were tricks. Appearing to be dead and stopping the pulse was a favourite. "All you do is squeeze a ball in your armpit and the pulse in your wrist will practically disappear.

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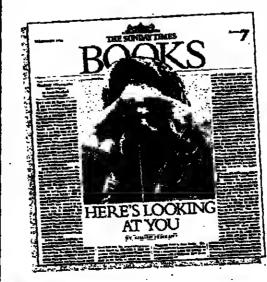
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Chinese President stages dress rehearsal for a retreat from reforms after party warnings

Jiang acts to shut the door against 'pollution' by West

ANG ZEMIN, the Presiden China, is tightening his ersonal power and moving us country away from reform and he is wearing the

lothes to prove it. During the past week Mr iang has made his leftward tentions plain in tough en he economy and e media and by appointing titical commissars to surume ranks in the People's Iberation Army.

Since he became party General Secretary, President, and hairman of the Central Miliary Commission, China's equivalent of army commandr-in-chief - offices he has accumulated since 1989, thus ivalling Chairman Mao -Mr Jiang has almost always orn a Western founge suit to show his adherence to the policy of opening China's door to the West.

But dress is a significant poliocal indicator in China and on Wednesday, when he called for economic reforms to he slowed down to counter Whern threats, Mr Jiang wore the traditional buttonedup tunic, sometimes called a Mao suit. On Tuesday, when he promoted four senior military men to full generals, the President, who has never served in the forces, appeared in a military outfit minus insignia.

Part of what he is doing is continuing his erosion of the family of Deng Xiaoping, the 91-year-old senior leader. some of whose closest allies, including Peking's party boss, President Jiang picked off last year on corruption charges and whose economic policies

he savaged on Wednesday. Mr Deng used to justify the potential dangers of economic reform by admitting that "when you open the door sometimes flies and other insects come in". He meant that to some extent China corrupt capitalist thinking".

Peking's leader has switched to a politically correct wardrobe for old-style policies, writes Jonathan Mirsky

Three of the four full generals appointed on Tuesday have been central political commissars in the army's central command, the missile command and the air force. ruption and crime and threat-By ordering recent aggresening party stability. This week Mr Jiang, who in 1989 after the Tiananmen Square massacre had been

opposite mainland beaches, Mr Jiang has pandered to that section of the forces which demands that China's borders be absolutely secure. This explains also his approval for continuous forays into the South China Sea.



Change of mood: President Jiang, the moderniser in Western suit and tie, is transformed into traditional hardliner in a Mao suit



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would take the risk of foreign "spiritual pollution". In 1985 Chen Yun, a leading conserva-tive, said that Mr Deng's reforms were leading to cor-

sive actions against Taiwan. including missile firings near its shores and a mock invasion of the island staged on the declared by Mr Deng to be his heir and the "core leader", echoed the Chen warnings. "We must ban the cultural trash poisoning the people and the social atmosphere," he said, adding: "We cannot sac-rifice culture and ideology

merely for a short period of economic development. Mr Jiang was repeating the old party fears of Westernstyle ideas, which has been borne out in recent weeks by the cancelling of research projects in the Academy of Social Sciences deemed to be too liberal.

The media, always a party worry, have been warned recently that they must obtain economic news filtered through the official news agency and to avoid subjects which "slander China". Three days ago Mr Jiang, while visiting the army's own paper. People's Liberation Army Daily, said bluntly, quoting Mao: To do news work successfully it is imperative that statesmen run newspapers." Journalism, he said, "always reflects directly or indirectly the party's and the Government's political standards, positions and viewpoints". Papers were told to resist the invasion of

Cutting cloth to suit pattern of the time

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

DRESS, always important in ---- Chinese traditional times for displaying rank and status, has signified political correctness in modern times.

China's first President, Sun Yai-sen, wore a Russian-style close-fitting tunic as a sign of modern. military austerity. This was the origin of the Mau jacket. His successor. Chiang Kai-shek afternated between Western-style military dress and mandarin robes, designed to show off

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his bogus veneration for the Confucian tradition. Mao wore a variation on the Sun Yat-sen outfit, as shabby as possible, a reflec-tion of the Chairman's carelessness about personal attire: his top colleagues wore im-

maculate versions of the same outfit. In the Maoist period it would have been literal sui-

ing into the presence of foreigners in Western lounge suits, and in 1987 when Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, became party General Secretary he emerged with his most senior Politburo colleagues before the Western press. all wearing smart suits. Zhao made them open their ackets to display the Shang-

cide to wear anything efse.

After Mao's death in 1976.

scalor officials began ventur-

hai labels - always a sign of the best in China - evidence. he said, that reform had now touched the personal habits of the leaders. But the founder of reform, Deng Xiaopiog, kept to the tunic.

Canny intellectuals are said to keep battered old clothes under their beds in case the proletarian look ever roars back into fashion.

Destruction date is set for the final stocks of smallpox

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

STOCKS of the smallpox virus should be destroyed by the end of June 1999, the executive board of the World Health Organisation has decreed. That decision must be rati-

fied by the organisation's 190 member states at the World Health Assembly next May. The delay unni 1999 is designed, it says, to "give time to reach a broader consensus".

Just two stocks of smallpox virus remain, at the Centres for Disease Control [CDC] in Adanta, Georgia, and the Russian State Research Centre for Virology and Biotechnolo-gy in Koltsovo, Novosibirsk, A scourge of mankind for more than 3,500 years, smallpox was eliminated from the wild a 1980 vaccination

campaign. Destruction of the last remaining laboratory stocks has been opposed on principle. and on scientific grounds. Sime scientists simply oppose desiroving any form of life, even a virus estimated to have killed 600,000 people a year in Europe between the loth and the 18th centuries. "To wipe out a species is always a concern," says Dr Brian Mahy of CDC.

on viruses oppose destruction

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because there may still be things to learn by studying smallpox. The WHO says scientists have now produced harmless clones of the virus and have its full genetic blueprint, which should provide

them with all they need. The virus will be destroyed by autoclave - an oven that will heat it to fatally high temperatures. The virus will be taken from its locked freezer at a maximum security building by researchers in pressurised spacesuits and heated to 130C for 40 minutes. Then the process will be

repeated. But the WHO's setting of the destruction date so far ahead leaves plenty uf time for last-minute pleas.

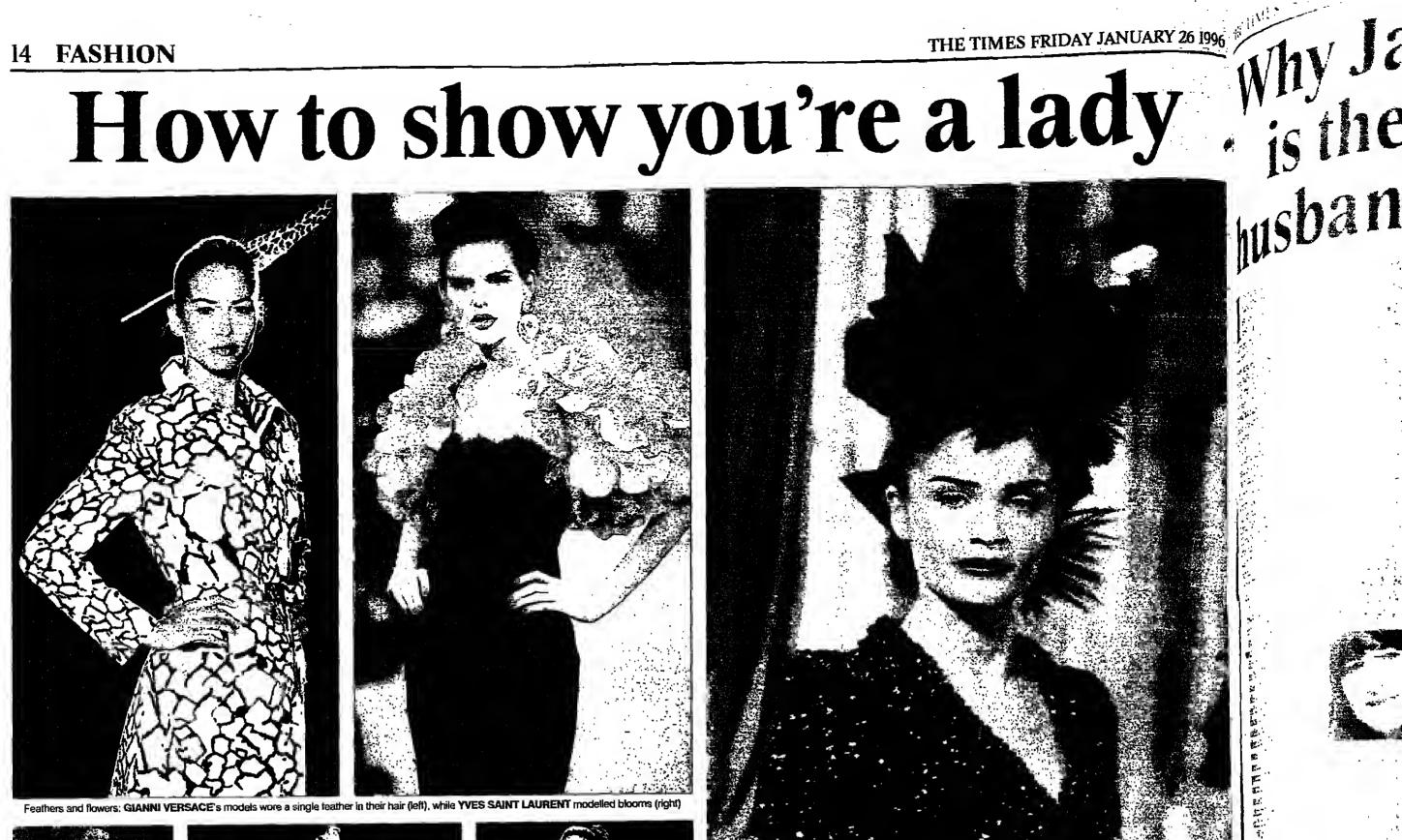
In a communique. the organisation said the disease's eradication was "among the greatest public health achievements of all time". The last known case of smallpox, which disfigures and causes blindness and even death, was recorded in Somalia in 1977. The destruction of smallpox in the wild means that mankind is progressively losing any natural resistance to it. In theory at least, that means an escape could set off a major Some scientists who work

epidemic.





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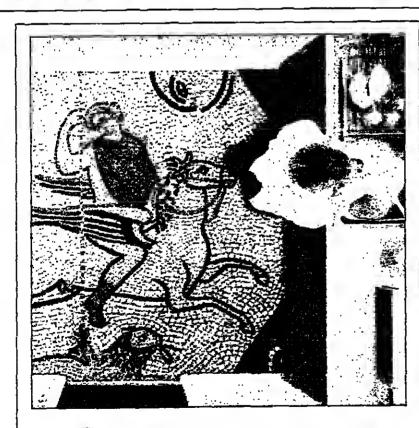








Featherweight tabrics: VALENTINO's patchworked lace (left), GIVENCHY's galleon dresses (centre) and DIOR's floral tribute (right)



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PARIS Designers dazzle with

divine haute couture

dith Head, the most celebrated of Hollywood's costume designers, who dressed everyone from Marlene Dietrich to Mae West, once said: "You never forget the dress or suit in which you looked well, felt right, and lived wonderful moments."

At the haute couture collections shown in Paris this week there were some truly wonderful moments and some truly fabulous.

unforgettable clothes. Haute couture has much in common with Edith Head. It deals in fantasy. It produces clothes (very expensive clothes) designed specifically so a woman might play a role, be it on the big screen, on her big day (bridal gowns count for much of the couturier's custom), at a quiet society luncheon or a flash awards ceremony. Haute couture is the ultimate luxury - a dressmaker to the stars.

It is not difficult to see why screen stars such as Melanie Griffiths and Sharon Stone head for the door of John Galliano. His debut collection for Givenchy began with familiar larger-thanlife ballgowns, but it was the quicter moments which revealed his true potential: an ivory button-through day dress with a cheetah belt. or the single-button stone wool trouser suit, as simple as it sounds. Only, like everything else, tailnred to perfection.

By far the most popular motifs of the season were flowers and feathers: Dior's floral tributes disguised as evening dresses and Ungaro's fluffhall powderpuff trim. Yves Saint Laurent's 1940s-

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inspired collection fluttered down the carwalk. Best was a bolem of giant rose petals worn over a sliver of black satin and chantilly lace with straps as fine as a single strand of sewing thread. Divine.

There were moments of divine inspiration on the catwalk of Valentino - featherweight patchworked lace dresses, long poloneck dresses with only a narrow hipster belt as decoration, and understated space cadet day wear - but mostly his silhouettes appeared a little too murnsy. Gianni Versace miraculous-

ly sewed leather and lace

together and made it flow effortlessly around the body, exposing goodly amounts of flesh. His daywear was more demure, but cut in flashy. often clashing, optical patterns and animal prints, it had plenty of rock n' roll attitude. Black lace dresses by Oscar de la Renta for Balmain cast a mere shadow across his models.

So superfine, they looked linle more than a trace of where a real dress might be. Christian Lacroix hlitzed Paris with blister-

ing colourways - chartreuse, parma viulet, marshmallow pink and tangerine. He puffed satin into wonderful volumi-

nous skirts, while his corsets literally dripped with jewels. There were few moments this week as unforgettable as the Chanel show at the Ritz. The collection designed by Karl Lagerfeld offered a siender silhouette. Skirts either skimmed the knee or fell to the floor. Jackets held the body's line, accentuating the shoulders, flipping out at the hip. Everything fitted like a glove. Edith Head once suggested her epitaph: "A dress should be tight enough to show you're a woman and loose enough to prove you're a lady." Lagerfeld's latest designs certainly fit the bill.



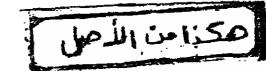
Feather cut: CHANEL's slender silhouette was all about the fit. Photographs by CHRIS MOORE.



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Why Jack Dromey is the proudest husband in Britain

t is time we heard from Jack Dromey, who once in jest referred to him-self as "Mr Harriet Harman, né Dromey". "I kid thee not." he says. "there is a belief among those northern male MPs that Harriet overruled me: 'It's that bleedin' Harriet.' I'm OK, you see:

'Good lad, Jack.' t have 'impeccable credentials'. It's just grotesque. It's untrue, it's sexist and shows a complete lack of understanding of how our marriage works.

At midnight on Tuesday the Dromeys sat glumly at their kitchen table. By Wednesday evening the Parliamentary Labour Party fury had been diffused by Tony Blair's powerful support, and Dromey was in the House watching, with elation, his wife's "bravura" performance in the health debate.

We met in the lobby: the floodgates of Dromey's admiration for his wife were in full spate. There had been, that day, no finer example of her fight for the right of "murns" to be MPs: ill herself, under siege, with two sick children, she was up at 5.30am to be grilled on radio and television; faced the grim colleagues, defended herself with dignity. then led the big debate - yet at nine that morning she had insisted on being at Amy's primary school "beaming with pride" as Amy played the cello in assembly. Who, among her detractors, those macho MPs. could do the same?

When the history of maternal or political courage is written there will be a chapter headed Harriet Harman," pronounced Dromey. "She is the outstanding Parliamentary feminist of her generation. The only woman ever to bear three children while serving as an MP. No words can express my admiration for her cour-

Dromey, his oratorical delivery honed on speeches to the transport workers' union, 47. When he passed the ll-

As Harriet Harman has fought for survival, her husband has remained silent. Today he explains why his children must never be political victims

tracks, but the idea that we would condone slipping back to a system that creams off 20 per cent and writes off 80 per cent is grotesque.

There is no doubting his sincerity. His eyes are clear and blue, like his wife's. His our behalf?" gaze is level. He speaks at dictation speed: A. Full. Point.

Between. Each. Word. For Joe and St Olave's it was love at first sight. "He is a bright boy, and the school is for bright boys. He loved the



facilities and he loved talking to the boys there."

"I will never forget." says Dromey, "the look of sheer delight on the face of this lisping little boy. when he heard that his two best friends had got into St Olave's as well. He was the soul of happiness, and we were very happy for

> his is breathtaking. I: You, Jack, a workingclass boy, are selected at 11, and do well at stone, and last year ran the London marathon - raising

grammar' school (A levels in Lafin, French and English). 2: Your are utterly opposed to such selection and its unfair-

man's name, unless inheritance and titles are involved") they have revened to convention to protect the children's privacy. Dromey thinks the tide has

political history.

turned in favour of Harriet, who only "put her kids first". not going to throw it away. He thinks the sight of gleeful Someone from the Socialist Education Association said Joe should go with his friends Tories baying over Joe has appalled the country to the local school. Who the During last weekend's siege hell does he think he is? How by cameramen, young Joe dare he make that decision on rescued a racing pigeon from

The glaring gulf between personal choice and political principle, the charge of "don't do as I do, do as I say hypocrisy, is "utter nonsense" in Dromey's view. "At the end of 16 years of Tory winter, we are determined to do the right thing by Joe in 1996. The Labour Government will do the right thing by all children, over the next five to ten years. I

would happily send my kids to the local school. if it offered them the life chance that they deserve. Southwark schools will turn around, in time. But we can't say, 'Hang on Joe. wait five years and all will be well'.

There. Will, Be. No. Stronger. Supporters. Of. That. Drive, To. Raise, Standards, In. All. Schools. Than. Harriet-Harman-and-Jack-Dromey." But how, if parents like the Dromeys do not get in there and activate change? "I

am not the education spokesman for the Labour Party. I don't pretend to be an expert. I am first a parent. I want my children to have the best start in life. I worship my children." Dromey, burly engine-driv-er's son, and Harriet, comely daughter of Tory physician in Harley Street, Lady Long-ford's brother, fell in love over the Grunwick pickets. Dromey weighed 18st then, but by renouncing gallons of Guinness and mountains of fish and chips, he shed five

for a Liverpool ambu lance named the Jimmy

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her girls to Holland Park Comprehensive, said on the World at One this week: "People always find a good reason' to evade the comprehensive route." Sub-standard schools will never change if all these bright, motivated, "worshipped" children go elsewhere. Journalists as well as politicians know it, and still do it. But even new Labour devotees who sympathise with the Dromeys may not forgive

them: and the door is now open to follow the Blair-Dromey example - delaying. by a generation, any chance of



Jack Dromey at home with Harriet Harman: "We have never rammed our politics down our kids' throats

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plus, he left most of his friends in the Borough of Brent to go Cardinal Vaughan, the Catholic grammar school in Holland Park (one of the Evening Stondard's top six free schools, along with St Olave's and the London Oratory)

He recalls the day he stood "sick with worry", waiting to be told he had got into the A stream, and "leapt for joy" while other friends, sad B streamers, burst into tears, It was "a grotesque experience". "I was privileged to get a good education, and Harriet comes from the other side of the

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ness to the 80 per cent left behind. 3: You submit your son to selection at II, and observe his euphonic relief when selected. There is no logic here. "But what were we going to do? Sit Joe down and say: 'We know it was love at first sight with St Olave's. We know it is

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ideally suited to you. But you cannot go there, because of us." How could we live with ourselves? We never rammed our politics down our kids' throats. We are opposed to the crude Socialist Sunday school catechism. The poor little bastard's only got one chance, and we're

Dromey in memory of his father. Their domestic life is "sickeningly normal". He likes cleaning, washing and shopping. Harriet does cooking and household admin. He blazed a trail at the TGWU --"I do not have the slightest qualm about Harriet being more famous than I. I am not the 'baronial' union type. Feminism has changed the way I relate to people" - by always leaving to get home to the kids. Having given their firstborn the surname Harman (There is no sense." Harriet once told

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Ten years after The Times began its new life in Wapping, Peter Stothard recalls the days of revolution

And then it was up to us

"We're going for a drive." Charles Wilson always moved quickly about The Times, but on this occasion his speed was astonishing. I looked back into his office to ask a question. He had disappeared.

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Filteen minutes later I was still waiting for him outside our glassand marble entrance hall. 1 looked for Joe, his driver. Nothing. Finally the Editor's car came up from behind. Charlie himself was at the wheel, adjusting himself to what looked like unfamiliar controls. "Get in," he gestured. I had to struggle with the locked passenger door. "Where you are going now," he barked, "you are going to want to talk about." Pause. "But you can only talk about it with the people you are going to see there. That is absolutely important." He thrust

his finger to amplify his point: the car swerved as though to agree with him. Until that moment, unlike the small group that had planned the move of News International Newspapers to Wapping ten years ago today, I was almost unaware of what was about to hap-pen to us all. in December 1985, my job was writing political leaders. My mind was on the Westland affair, in which leaks

and betrayals were nearly destroying the Thatcher Government.

Charlie's mind was elsewhere. During the journey I heard a serious lecture on the dangers of leaks, betrayals, divisions and broken promises - at the senior levels of newspapers. After 20 minutes, he turned the car towards some iron gates and the intense attention of two guards. We then swept up a curving concrete ramp and into a dark shed.

I quickly realised that I had failed the first test. I would like to be able to claim now that I saw instantly the benefits of a new printing plant, with new work practices and a reliable means of producing and distributing our work. But, dazed perhaps by the secrecy and drama, I did not,

'll pick you up in ten Charlie left the car diagonally minutes," said the Editor. across the shed floor. "Look at this," he said. "Wider than Fleet Street."

Half-an-hour later, up above in the publishing room, the truth began to tell. Sets of blue-andyellow belts were circling around iron frames like a Meccano monster in Hamley's window. Real newspapers were on the move. The printing machinery was loaded

with newsprint, as though ready to produce proper copies of The Times. The place was "manped as though ready to go" and yet it was almost deserted.

It is customary now for writers to compare the dirty, dangerous and union-dominated plants of Gray's Inn Road with the clean efficiency of Wapping. I bave read so much about the old press halls, where Mickey Mouse played at Spanish practices with Sogat, Natsopa and the NGA, that I almost believe I

experienced them for myself. In fact, and in common with many writers on The Times ten years ago, I had barely been on the site of Britain's notorious industrial battlefields. On the one occasion

when I dared a visit to the machine-room floors, I was greeted by grown men pre-tending to be monkeys in a 200. I did not go back. Many managers, I discovered, had

rarely entered the alien territory which they were vainly charged to control.

"Here," said Charlie, "it is all going to change. We don't know how. But there's an Armageddon about to happen. And we have got to be ready for it." He pointed out a long, low brick building just a few yards way. Today the office of The Times seems a perfectly plausible place for a newspaper to be, but on that

The new entrance to The Times door flanked by handrails. The floor rose gradually without a step. We walked in. This was to have

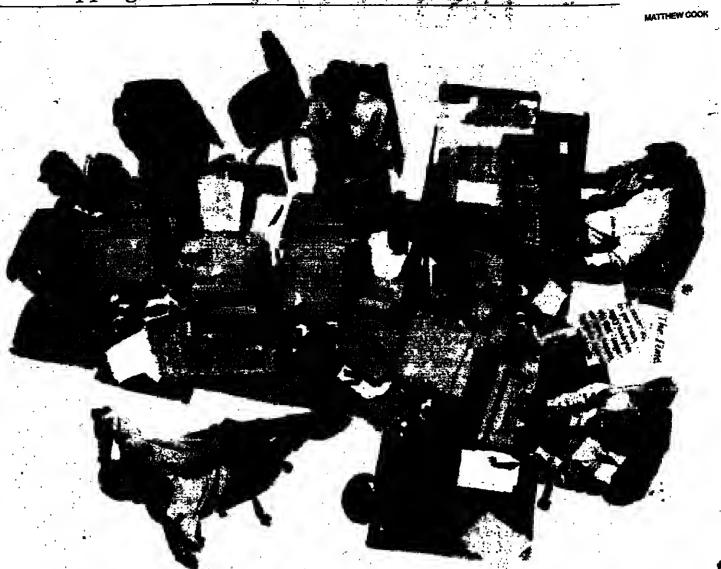
been the Editor's office for Charlie One, as we knew him. Charles Douglas-Home, whose cancer had kept him in a wheelchair before his. death the previous month. He never used his custom-built doorway. For Charlie Two, editorship and Armageddon were to come in quick succession.

Inside were our desks, our comouters and a fresh carpentry smell. Everyone had a space reserved, All the journalists who wanted to come to the new world of newspapers would be able to take their places. By now it was clear what was going to happen. We stayed only a few minutes and left quietly, discussing

Westland — a safer topic. I still have the somewhat portentous note that I wrote for a friend abroad that night and never posted: "The trip back to Gray's Inn Road this afternoon was almost supernatural. Everyone in our old office has a place marked for them elsewhere, a place which they sometimes speak of in hushed tones but truly know nothing of, a place which they can enter if they make the right decision and will be barred from if they make the wrong one: it is like a heaven - although some will certainly call it a hell."

y January 24, 1986, we were almost trained in the new technology. Inside the offices of a musical impresario close to Claridge's, a team of formidable Australian women had the job of tutoring journalists. It was a tough task. I had never before learnt even to touch-type (for years I had dictated leaders to my secretary. Val Smith, pacing round the desk for what I thought was rhetorical impact), and I was not alone. One of our finest "production journalists" found it hard even to operate the teach-yourself cassette tape, let alone the Atex computers. Out in the street, after my first visit, I met Eric Jacobs, one of the shrewdest observers of newspaper politics, on his way to the Savile Club. 1 was sure we had been rumbled. But no. The secret remained safe for all the

the building, negotiations with the print unions were proceeding to-



Haydon's great painting Waiting for The Times, which traditionally hangs behind the Editor's office chair, received gentler treatment on the back seat of Charlie's Jaguar.

that day ran the greater risk of at-tack. We managed nervous smiles. Later that afternoon the decision I felt relief that the waiting was over. But like writers everywhere, I was unreasonably irritated by the came down that the stone wall had, loss of my latest words - a leader indeed, been reached. The unions about the Westland affair, which were not to blackmail us again; we Val had just finished turning into were on the move to a place which the unions were confident could never work without them. There "copy", and which was now surplus to requirements. Inside our corner office there was nothing much to save except a dozen bottles of South was to be no edition of The Times African wine, which the chief sub had just delivered at favourable that night - but, if we kept our I do not recall exactly how the wholesale prices, and some chamnews arrived among the leader-writers. I noticed first that the pagne which Bernard Levin had ven me for Christmas. So my picture of Charles Douglas-Home departure past an incipient picket on the cooridor wall had been line was more clanking than the taken. I thought it had been vandaloccasion properly merited.

> did, indeed, miss only that one Saturday issue. The bound volume of The Times for 1986, which sits on the Editor's desk as 1 write these words, contains a lone Daily Telegraph to fill the space on that day, January 25: warning enough of what might have happened had the move not been so well prepared. By Sunday

we were at work in Wapping. The shed, "wider than Fleet Street", was full of trucks.

Not all our journalists had claimed their places in the oext life: but there were enough of us. Gradually, over the following days and weeks, most of the desks filled. There eventually came the true exhilaration of being free from union censorship and control, free to produce as many newspapers as our readers would buy, free to print in colour, free to begin again the creative business of making and selling The Times. There were bad days among the

good. I had not personally hated the trade union officials before: I had hardly seen them, and if some of their members wanted to make me feel like a zoo visitor, that was their choice. But 1 did hate the union pickets outside Wapping who stuck dozens of corrosive sticky labels on Val Smith's new

car. I did hate the pickets for selecting their targets from among the physically smallest, weakest and most vulnerable, 1 still remember the politicians who supported trade union violence that they knew was wrong but did not dare to condemn.

our first full day at Wapping. My strongest memories, however, are not of that first day here but of the days before the Armageddon. of Charles Wilson's discipline, of Rupert Murdoch's certainty, of the journalists on The Times who on one Friday night determined that our best traditions, our best values, even our best oil paintings, would live and move on.

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We have no first edition copy left of the issue dated January 27. The main story all night was Westland - but the earliest copies, 1 remember, also had on the front page news of a will, for some £300,000, left by a gentleman from Shore-ham-by-Sea. This did not signal a new editorial policy: the only alternative to the will was a white space where a News-in-Brief

There was a leader on Westland too, not dissimilar to the one 1 had dictated two days before. But at every full stop in the first edition, there was also the start of a new paragraph. At first I blamed my Australian keyboard tutors for this unwonted staccato in my style. But from

Today is the tenth anniversary of The author is Editor of The Times.

should have been, that first day in Wapping, every typographical mistake was ours.

and even going to court unnecessarily". That's nothing: in one test, only one firm out of 40 got it right. When everything has been put together, and all the excuses have run out, this is a giant scandal.

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have just realised that it is an appallingly long time since I had the pleasure of annoying the lawyers; please allow me to catch up now. (I have more than once drawn attention to the fact



that although I am known as the Lawyer's Bane, I have an astonishing large number of dear friends from the world of law.) So if the wind is in the west, you will shortly hear the familiar cries of "Oh, it's Levin again, why doesn't somebody hit him over the head with a copy of Chitty on Con-tract? That would shut him up for a bit." Yes, but only a bit.

And the first thing I must draw to the nation's eye is the lawyers' almost in-credible belief that the nation doesn't notice what the lawyers are doing. It is not a matter of hiding behind the gowns and wigs or trying to bamboozle the customers with arcane language; the lawyers them-selves are the first to climb onto the rooftops and declare their very worst wickednesses.

Here is our infallible legal correspondent, Frances Gibb, on the subject:

Plans for barristers' clients to be able to plans for barristers clients to be able to claim compensation for shoddy work have been diluted to gain the profession's backing . . . Leaders of the Bar have redrawn the scheme for a complaints system to make it far harder to lodge a successful compensation claim against a howier profession claim against a successful compensation can't against a barrister . . . consumer bodies have criticised the amendments, arguing that even in its original form the scheme offered inadequate remedies for shoddy service from barristers . . . At present the Bar will consider only the most serious complaints amounting to professional misconduct, and no compensation is payable. But after the revised scheme . . . people can claim

Inequality before the law

wards a bigger than usual stone wall. Israeli security guards min-gled with angry printworkers. Someone behind me said that it

was the hosts, not the guests, who

ised until I saw Liz Seeber, the

Editor's personal assistant, loving-

ly brandishing her screwdriver so

that Charlie One, William Rees-

Mogg and the rest of our Editors-

gone-by should go with Charlie

The oil painting of Henri de

Blowitz, our 19th-century Paris

correspondent, was soon on its way

Barristers and solicitors are as bad as each other - just try complaining about them

nerve, only that night.

Two to Wapping.

compensation only if they can prove they have suffered actual monetary loss . . . the test of "inadequate professional service" has been tightened, so that complaints will be limited to conduct which falls "significantly they are they actual in an actual service" has short of that which is to be reasonably ex-pected of a barrister in all the circumstances ... the scheme is also far more restrictive than that originally proposed by a com-mittee under Lord Alexander ... a former Bar chairman ... People would have been able to complain about work in court, as well as out of it... But the Bar has refused to accept that recommendation. Its proposed scheme says the immunity should apply even to lesser complaints of shoddy work...

You must admit that this is the most monumental chutzpah even the lawyers have ever cooked up. It states unashamedly that if you are obviously and clearly wronged by an ignorant, lazy, incompetent, drunken or stupid lawyer, and you seek compensation, you can whistle for it, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Bar's next charmer will be to take those who are due for compensation and have them thrown into jail, insisting that any claim against any lawyer is ipso facto criminal.

But you haven't heard the best of it, and I have, so I must share it with you. The former chairman of the Bar. Peter Goldsmith, QC, obviously cannot say

be worried that one day the public will wake up and crect a guillotine - a sharp guillotine. Hear him trying to sit on both ends of the sec-saw: "The . . . concerns of the

profession have been taken on board to produce a scheme that balances the interests of the public with those of the barrister." (And presumably vice versa.)

But the really funny bit in Mr Goldsmith's sec-sawing is when he _ ... gave warning that,

• Coincidence-backers were in

their element at Lingfield Park yesterday, where all six races were named after former Prime Minis-

THE SWEDISH navy is embar-

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furry legs of the mink.

without any kind of scheme, the Bar risked being regulated by a quango". Isn't it wonderful? Can't you see it? The

hordes of barristers immediately called from whatever work they were doing (ruining someone, I wouldn't wonder) hundreds from the House of Commons alone — the gigantic swarms from the Civil Service, the huge billboards (no expense spared), announcing that the nation will collapse instantly if even one hair on one head of one lawyer is ever disturbed, the older lawyers dropping

plainly and in burnan language that a large number of his fellow lawyers are a bunch of greedy scoundrels, but he must there is nothing whatever, not even a couple of dozen atomic bombs, that would or could be allowed to lose an argument between the Bar, the very Bar, and a mere Parliament.

But I have a surprise for you. When the infamous name of Levin is heard in the land, many a wig-and-gown yearns for a world in which murder is not a Bernard crime; but I have to remind you that when I. use the word lawyer, I could be using it in two very clearly separate senses, and having had a

word or two with the Bar, I turn now to the solicitors. Nor is that switch just a dip in the bran-tub: for the solicitors have been pulled up for a very good reason. The reason is that Which? - the splendid, ironclad, glocious monthly magazine which tells us which saucepan to buy, and which motorcar not to buy (to the fury of the lesser saucepan-makers and the lesser motor-car makers) — is on the march.

Doubled up with laughter, I knew what was coming. Just as all the barristers can lose out, wasting time and money

go purple in the face and start scream-ing if anybody says they are not perfect, so it was exactly with the solicitors. Try a headline or two: for instance, "Consumer group accuses lawyers of shoddy service", and far worse. "How clients were told to take the 'wrong' action". For when Which? is on the warpath, it goes incognito: if Which? wants to try hairpins or elephants, the answer comes only when the work bas been done. So, of course, the lawyers — be they barristers or solicitors — are screaming "We wuz robbed".

Ven that very jolly fellow Martin Mears abandoned his jollity and joined the whiners, and fell over his feet with joy when he claimed he had found a mistake among the Which? finger-pointers. (He wants the evidence to be produced before the denouement, but Which? never allows that, quite rightly.) Anyway the evidence is appalling. I haven't got the space for what Mrs S went through, but she had to fight for the compensation - she was offered £2,500 and in the end her solicitors had to pay out £12,500. The truth is that, as the Éditor of Which? says, "Solicitors owe a duty to their clients to give the best advice. Too often, advice is shoddy and consumers

After all, we are not trying to find which is the best toaster, they are trying to find lawyers who can do their job properly, and they have found a huge number who cannot. And the squealing and whining only makes the scandal even worse.

But it was brave of Which? to cover this story and to stick it out. When the worst toaster is pointed out, and we tell ourselves that without Which? we would never have known, there are no screams - the maker of the bad toaster is sufficiently chastened to tip-toe out and go home. But the bad solicitor hasn't caught on. He does not tip-toe out - he stays there, screaming that he is innocent and so are all other solicitors.

Now, we all know, or we should, what squealing and demanding apologies means: it means that the squealers and shouters and demanders are, every one of them, guilty of what the squeakers and

shouters deny. Let us go back to the barristers. They do not scream and shout, but perhaps that is because they are hardened by time not to worry when scoundrels like me point the bone at them. If I am right, all the solicitors have to do is to shut up and stop squealing. Meanwhile, Which? has got a huge slice of notoriety; it should capitalise on this, though it is true that the offices of Which? will feel rather sedate after this heady stuff. Never mind; what about setting Which? on Members of Parliament? Alas, where will you find a "best buy"?

Powell axed

ONE OF Britain's foremost ambassadors has fired a broadside at Sir Charles Powell, the former private secretary to Baroness Thatcher. The salvo comes in the letters pages of this week's Specta-tor from Sir John Weston, Britain's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

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He accuses Sir Charles of having ideas above his station concerning his relationship with the late François Mitterrand. After Mitterrand died, Sir Charles wrote proudly that he "must have spent more time in his company than any other Englishman". Weston quibbles. "Since the Ox-

1 ford Dictionary defines 'company' as 'a gathering of people for social intercourse', perhaps it was more a matter of Charles being in the 'presence' of the President. Assuming of course it wasn't the other way round!"

Powell was unreachable in Indonesia yesterday, but one of his supporters dismissed the letter as

ters. The opening event, the Thatcher Limited Stakes, was won typical carping from the Foreign Office. "Charles has always been by Carrolls Marc. a well supported 7-2 second favourite. regarded as a rum one - ever since he nailed his colours so firmly to Mrs T's mast," he said. "It's just the sour grapes you'd expect." In a spin



lost for words"

reported by the navy were mythical. According to an article in the latest issue of New Scientist, on 40 occasions between 1992 and 1994, a network of microphones detected the sound of bubbles caused by a rotational movement in the water.

The navy estimated the speed at up to 200 rpm, and assumed it must be submarine propellers.



rassed. High ranking naval types have admitted that what they the commission, Ingvar Akesson, tests with swimming minks can thought was the recorded sound of sinister Soviet propellers was in produce the same readings as profact the furious paddling of the little pellers. "It is very puzzling but they do," he says admiringly.

A scientific commission set up • The whisper in Whitehall is that by the Government concludes that the less-than-eagerly awaited Scott most of the invading submarines report is to be published on February 14. Not the Valentine's Day missive John Major might have hoped for.

House rules

of debate. The new president of the Cambridge Union, Nick Chattath, is an old boy, and founded the school debating society.

"I remember one interesting de-bate," he says naughtily. "We de-bated the motion, This House has become the kind of people it's parents warned it against"." Very apt.

 Michael Foot's residence at No 10 is to be commemorated, even though he never made it to Downing Street. Blaenau Gwent Borough Council is to erect a plaque at the tiny miner's cottage at 10 Morgan Street, Tredegar in Ebbw Vale, the slice of South Wales where Foot was MP for 33 years and wrote most of his acclaimed biography of Aneurin Bevan.

Long walk

GILLIAN CLARKE, the snowyhaired wife of the Chancellor who took her degree at Newnham in medieval history before pursuing postgraduate studies, hosted a

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bridge college. The alumni present included Germaine Greer, who now teaches at the college, the frab 200 rpm, and assumed it must be b 200 rpm, and assumed it must be submarine propellers. But according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of ther son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust bet according to the secretary of the son to master the cut and thrust the son to the son to master the cut and thrust the son to t

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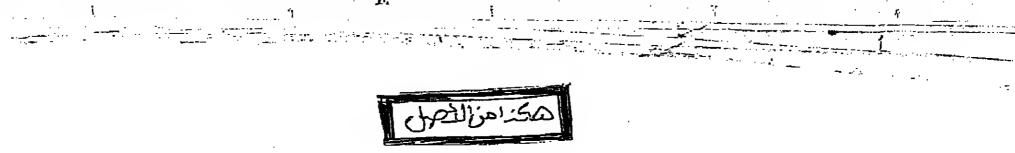
the longest corridor in Europe, was once the haunt of Prince Edward, who used to visit his old gutfriend. Eleanor Weightman, in her room when he was a student at Jesus between 1983 and 1986. "He used to call her 'Munchkin'." recalled one Newnhamite at the party.

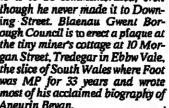


IRISH ears were smiling recently in Dublin, after a concert by the Oslo Philharmonic, which got off to an unpropitious start. The orchestra arrived safely, but the lorry with the instruments and clothes did not. So while the city was searched for instruments to borrow, the audience at the National Concert Hall was entertained by traditional Norwegian ditties and jazz on the piano.

The programme finally began at 10.30pm, when the players trooped on in jeans, T-shirts and sneakers. But pizazz made up for the delay, in both quality and quantity: it didn't finish until 1.30 in the morning.

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THE TIMES

ANGLO-IRISH ANGST

Dublin should become a persuader for democracy

fortain when the British and Irish Goiments have been travelling in tandem. idarity between London and Dublin, and lost as importantly, agreement across the er of the House of Commons, have helped ole the parties in Northern Ireland a little er to peace. The strains evident in the iglo-Irish axis since the publication of the ichell report on de-comissioning do not igur well for the days ahead.

Whitehall is anxious to play down talk of a a but Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, has hardly expressed himself with the measured restraint appropriate to a mild diplomatic disagreement. John Major argued in the House of Commons that he could not see how elections could be regarded as, "a block to progress". Mr Spring said elections were, "a cul-de-sac". It is difficult to discern the common ground there. To be sure, the Irish Prime Minister, John Bruton, has been less blunt. In a speech yesterday to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg he simply downgraded Mr Major's imaginative support for an elected body as, "no more than an idea". It is an idea whose time has come and one which deserves better than this wintry dismissal from Dublin.

An elected body, far from being a cul-desac, detour, or even road back to Stormont, is the most creative proposal yet advanced for moving the peace process forward. No guns would have to be given up before the talking could begin; every party would have still we its commitment to democracy by using the ballot box, not the bullet, to test its true strength.

Dublin's coolness seems to be born not of principled objection to an elected body per se but recognition of its unpopularity with northern nationalists. Mr Bruton argued in Strasbourg that. "any device, however well crafted or logical, which attracts one set of parties but repels another is not enough". On the contrary, Mr Bruton's response is

tess in Ulster has been steadiest and not enough. He should use his influence with the SDLP and Sinn Fein to show them that elections are a bridge and not a snare. He should act as a persuader for democracy.

Mr Major has recognised that nationalists are wary of a body that might evolve into another instrument for narrow majority rule within Ulster and has pledged to address their concerns. What have they to fear from exploring Mr Major's ideas? Proportional representation could ensure a place for parties currently excluded. A weighted majority system could prevent any section of the community baving its interests over-ridden.

The Ulster Unionists have already moved to allay some nationalist concerns. In the Commons yesterday their Deputy Leader, John Taylor, made it clear he saw an elected body as a peace convention, not Stormont by stealth. He also reiterated the need for any body to incorporate a cross-border dimension. The Unionists recognise any purely internal settlement could not work and do not want one. They have shown an imagination which the SDLP would do well to emulate. The intransigence which was once the hallmark of Unionist thinking now seems to be set deeper in the nationalist mind.

It is not only nationalists south of the border who might, with profit, coax the SDLP into a more constructive position: their fellow social democrars at Westminster could play a part. Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, Marjorie Mowlam, sought yesterday to ensure that any move to elections commanded "widespread agreement". She was speaking up for the SDLP. Talking directly to them about the merits of

the elective process would also be welcome. If the Irish Government and the Westminster consensus swing behind the Prime Minister then democratic habits will have a chance to take firmer root in Ulster. Elections will eventually determine Northern Ireland's future. The sooner the people of the Province have a chance to speak, the better,

GERMAN ECONOMIC GLOOM

After its miracle, Germany needs painful renewal

Even as Helmut Kohl is promising to create have begun to rein in social spending; apart two million new jobs to relieve soaring unemployment in Germany, his Government is making predictions that all but destroy hopes of a quick fix to Germany's looming economic prohlems. A report by Jürgen Rüttgers, the federal minister for research, science and technology, has given a warning that Germany is falling behind in the race to build up high technology industries. It is in-

vesting less than its competitors in informatfon technology, bio-engineering and aerospace. Its industrial leaders have become complacent and fearful of taking risks. By sticking to proven exports such as cars and pharmaceuticals, they are jeopardising Germany's lead in key exports. The country

from making big cuts in health provision, Germans have so far shied away from the surgery they know must soon be performed. From the Head Master of Being Germany, there are plenty of doom-Westminster School sayers. Herr Kohl himself has campaigned Sir, Schools are scolded for failing to on the need to make the country more comcommunicate those commandments petitive. His grand design to cut unempof moral value (letters, January 20, 23) which Dr Nick Tate wishes to impose on our pupils. But what are schools to make of the lip-smacking greed which

loyment by half over the next four years frankly acknowledges the need for more flexible - and longer - working hours, for more innovative management and for more union concessions. But the political will to alter the economic framework, sweep away restrictions and refinance the social security budget is lacking. Germany's Christian Democrats have a working-class base; with

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Labour's education policy and the Harman affair

examination results of the comprehensives on the one hand and of the grammars and secondary mod-Sir, The Labour Party claims to be erns, taken together, on the other, showed that children were much more committed to offering parents choice and to raising educational standards likely to achieve a higher academic (letters, January 24). Yet it is also

From the Headmaster of

port, June 23, 1995).

schools.

Caistor Grammar School

opposed to all selection by interview

and examination. Further, it will al-

low local ballots in order to propose

the closure of grammar schools (re-

There is an important inconsistency.

in this position. Parents want to be

able to choose their child's school.

Most would prefer to be able to choose

from a range of successful, effective

Such choice is extended through a

diversity of provision. Changing

successful and popular schools does

not help to raise standards - quite the

If the Labour Party wishes to be con-

sistent and to respond to popular

opinion it would allow local ballots to

take place not only on closing gram-mar schools but as to whether select-

ion should be extended. If local opin-

As the headmaster of a successful

grammar school surrounded by other

successful schools that are not selec-

tive, I am not calling for a full-scale

return to selection. But it seems per-

verse to talk of extending parental

choice when the actual effect of policy

Let us hope Mr Blair will now have

the courage to accept this and take prompt action to change it. He should

allow parents the option to vote for

Sir, There are sound educational reas-

ons why children of all abilities achieve more academically if they are

is to remove it.

more selection.

Yours faithfully.

ROGER HALE,

Caistor Grammar School.

Caistor, Lincolnshire,

From Mr Stuart Sexton

Headmaster,

January 25.

ion wanted this, it would happen.

standard in the selective system. I conducted the research on which that comparison was based. Between 1979 and 1981 Dr John Marks conducted more extensive research into the statistics of examination results, and came up with the same conclu-

The comprehensives were introduced to advance social egalitarianism, not to raise academic standards. If we wish to raise educational standards for all children, not just the brightest, we oeed to restore the selective system of grammar schools and secondary moderns. Those secondary moderns themselves should be more specialised in certain subjects than they used to be.

Yours faithfully, STUART SEXTON (Director, Education Unit), Warlingham Park School, Chelsham Common, Warlingham. Surrey. January 23.

From Mr Patrick Vincent

Sir. No one appears to doubt that Harriet Harman is committed to Labour's education policy, and her choice of a grammar school now is oot as a matter of logic incompatible with a genuine (if mistaken) belief that a policy which eliminated grammar schools in the future would have universal educational benefits.

Her actions are no more hypocritical than those of an MP who advo-cates higher taxes but does not vol-untarily pay his or ber extra slice to the Treasury.

12 Kings Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

Review of kidney patient services

From Professor N. P. Mallick

Sir, Your report of January 22, headed "Dialysis shortfall kills hundreds". states that the national review of renal services which I chaired - and which the Department of Health set up when it recognised a shortfall - was sent to ministers 18 months ago and has been blocked by the Treasury since then [see also letter, January 24]. Perhaps I could clarify the course of events.

The review commenced in the summer of 1993. Each of the 14 then reions of the National Health Service in England was visited and evidence was taken directly from clinicians and purchasing commissions as to the present and future pattern of renal ser-vices. Information was obtained on providing a cost-effective service from all renal units concerning the facilities, staff, partents and funding.

cruel or necessary? From Mr Roger A. Jarman From Mr Harry Turcan Sir. Though I suspect he may not re-Sir, As the owner of a dog which fell alise it, Mr James McFarlane (letter, January 24) deserves congratulations for his apt comparison between select-ive schools and football teams. Both are ruthless in picking those who will

pupil in an unhealthy competition for

higher league places, the sooner we

will have an educational system

which truly works for the good of all

children.

January 24.

Yours faithfully, ROGER JARMAN,

67 Cowley Road, Oxford.

mondsey and Southwark.

Southwark family.

fine school.

School services were held in South-wark Cathedral. St Olave's was founded in Southwark in the sixteenth

century and makes an apt choice for a

The train journey I took between Orpington and London Bridge is pro-

bably no more onerous now than it

was then - except that 1 could enjoy for a while the novelty of riding home

in a steam train, often pulled by a

Public Schools-class locomotive, and

the time been less vehemently op-posed to selective schools Southwark

might have been able to retain this

Yours sincerely. STEWART HODGES (Director,

University of Warwick,

Financial Options Research Centre),

even occasionally by "St Olave's". Had the inner-London politics of

victim to what Simon Jenkins describes as the Government's hypocritical enforcement of its obsolete rabies regulations ("Englishmen and mad give them the best results and discarding those who will not perform; for neither is the personal development of the individual a priority.

panied us on a scheduled flight from Edinburgh to London but the airline failed to unload her at Heathrow and the plane took off for Amsterdam. The dog spent the night in a government-approved isolation unit and was re-turned to London under escort on the first plane next morning. Reasoned applications for a waiver of the regulations supported by, amongst others. the chief veterinary officer of the RSPCA, fell on deaf ears and the dog spent six expensive and totally unnecessary months in a quarantine kennel.

still serve their six months inside.

It is, I believe, now beyond argument that a property vaccinated dog brings with it no risk of rabies, whereas the continued enforcement of these outdated regulations provides a powerful incentive to avoid them by smuggling a possibly unvaccinated pet into this country.

Yours faithfully, H. W. TURCAN, 4 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. January 22

From Dr Surinder Singh Bakhshi

Sir, Threat of rabies in England may be remote but is still real. A dog incubating rables was brought by air from Turkey to rables-free Dusseldorf, Germany, under its more relaxed rules in April 1995. The city was panic-stricken. Hundreds of contacts had to be searched for in Germany and abroad to receive post-exposure vaccination. Dusseldorf was placed under guarantine, Movement of dogs and cats had to be restricted and many were confined in quarantine.

Only eight of the 36 European countries are recognised to be free of rabies by the World Health Organisation. Germany, France, Spain, Belgium and Switzerland are some of the countries which are not. Freedom from rabies, and securing our borders against it, means that our pets do not have to be vaccinated, the cost of which would amount to far more than the £200 million in kennel fees which Mr Jenkins finds so inequitable.

A time may come when the stringent quarantine rules could be relaxed, but not yet.

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Yours faithfully, SURINDER SINGH BAKHSHI, Birmingham Ci Disease Unit, Bordesley House, 45 Bordesley Green East. Birmingham 9. January 22.

taught in groups of similar ability. They therefore need to be selected into PATRICK VINCENT, such groups of similar ability. A comparison made in 1975-76 of the January 23, Lessons for the young

Ms Harman may well have given ammunition to the opponents of Labour's education policy, but she does not deserve attacks on her integrity. Yours faithfully.

Coventry CV4 7AL. January 23.

this guidance can stand alone or whether it would be better to publish the report as a whole. This is an internal

matter for the Department of Health. Departmental officers have worked hard to assimilate all the conclusions of the review and arraoge for these to be taken into account in providing funds for NHS services. There have been discussions as to its cost implications - understandable when projections extend for a decade or more.

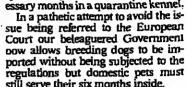
Nevertheless, the broad pattern of costs is available, and I understand

dogs". January 2) I should like to endorse the points he makes so force-Our West Highland terrier accom-The sooner we get away from a system that sets school against school, parent against parent, pupil against

Are rabies rules

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From Professor Stewart D. Hodges Sir, I lived in Orpington as a school-boy and attended Si Olave's Grammar School between 1956 and 1963. At that time the school was not in Orp-ington: it was on Tooley Street, beside the dockside warehouses just south of Tower Bridge, and in the heart of Ber-

is increasingly hving our past success Even the present industrial hase is being

eroded by high costs and restrictive practices. Firms are locating new plant in cheaper neighbouring countries (including Britain); Germany's low investment is undermining its edge over the dynamic economies of Asia; growth is expected to be 1.S per cent this year, and companies are shedding jobs in key sectors such as aerospace.

The warning from Herr Ruttgers is the more urgent in view of alarming figures on the burgeoning social security budget. Like other wealthy continental countries that in the late 1980s saw no end to the boom, Germany is living beyond its means. Generous social provision is overburdening employers, taxpayers and government. Entrenched union power, the inflexibility of central wage bargaining and the political consensus on the need to protect workers' entitlements mean that it is difficult for the country now to tighten its belt. The Dutch and the Swedes

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his narrow majority and tottering coalition. Herr Kohl is afraid of alienating his voters. The Social Democrats, as usual, are dithering. And the small Free Democratic Party, struggling to find any new identity to save it from extinction, is fragmenting, with some members moving to the right and others returning to the Social Democratic fold.

Germany has a tradition of high investment, which has belped it meet the challenge of reunification. The danger is that after this extraordinary success the country will relax, taking its eye off the greater challenge of future competitiveness. Many Germans, including Herr Kohl, still seem to believe that economic salavation lies in rigging the European market with a single currency (a disguised devaluation) and a "strengthened" social chapter (a disguised tax on EU labour that would reduce the global competitiveness of all European countries). But in the end, no amount of market rigging will avoid the need for painful economic readjuments.

TRUMPS FOR ALL

Bridge is queen of sports, for mind, memory and merry chance

Folk wisdom recommends that one should not cross a bridge until one comes to it. But today bridge, the card game named after man's oldest architectural structure, comes to everyone who has ever been dealt a laydown slam or a Yarborough. As reported in our sports pages, The Times Midland Private Banking national bridge challenge launches Britain's biggest bridge tournament. For the first time players of all abilities, from grand master to social rabbit who can never get back into dummy in three no trumps, have a chance to compete. This is a democratisation of the rich man's game, now played by 250,000 competitively in this country, and by two million socially, for the fun of a penny a point and post mortems. The champions will win serious money. The surplus, estimated at £100,000, will be given to the National Trust. That is a worthy recipient, not just because bridge is played in palaces as well as bed-sitters, but because the trust owns the card-rooms left in this country. Cards have been an Englishman's sport since they were invented. And all inhabitants of the United Kingdom are divided into three parties: bridge-players, pokeralayers and those who cannot handle cards. From its foundation manifesto 211 years ago, The Times has found space for sports as

well as the heavier stuff of politics. Its u founding father declared that his newspaper should be like a well-covered table, with " something to suit every palate. Bridge was invented by Harold Vanderbilt on a Caribbean cruise in 1925. The sociable-intellectual game caught the mood of the Twenties as characteristically as cocktails and the Charleston. And The Times appointed its first bridge correspondent. His first column began: "Bridge has been having a hard time. If it were not a game of superlative merits, it might quite reasonably bave gone under."

Luckily he was wrong. Bridge has surviv-ed and become one of the most popular activities in that no-man's land between games, sports and serious gambling. Times bridge correspondents have been a noble band of eccentric masters of the game, who have invented the conventions and made the rules. Edward Mayer, our bridge correspondent from 1953 to 1980, was the last of the old-fashioned London clubmen. On the first bridge ladies' night in clubland, his American partner asked brassily: "OK if I call you Ed?" He replied with the emphasis of a killing pass: "But Madam, if you call me Ed, what are my friends to call me?"

Chess will always be the king of games, because it combines memory and intellect with daring and pyschology. But bridge is the queen, because it has all those, with a bit of luck and social intercourse thrown in, even if post mortems do not always make comfortable colloquia. So our new bridge competition will add to the gaiety of nations, the revenues of the National Trust, and the innocent profits of those who dare to bid right up to the limits of their hands, and even beyond.

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And how are we expected to respond to the tantalising lure of Nat-ional Lottery jackpots? What sort of values are these which the adult world proposes?

surrounds such events as Granada's

We are told that advisers in the City

are estimated to gain £150 million for

helping to conduct such business (re-

takeover of Forte?

ports, January 24).

Yours faithfully, DAVID SUMMERSCALE. Head Master, Westminster School, 17 Dean's Yard, SWI. January 24.

Trial by jury

From Mr F. L. Ward

Sir. As one who has been involved over a number of years with forensic work as a professional expert witness, and who has also served on a jury, I would like to suggest that the answer to the doubts about the jury system in complex trials is not to discard the jury [letters, January 23].

In my view, the best procedure would be to provide a small panel of appropriate specialists to advise the jury; the panel having no respon-sibility for the final decision.

Yours faithfully, FRANK WARD, 13 Johnsons Drive, Hampton, Middlesex January 21

Jazz legacy

From Mr Nick Solomon

Sir, It was sad to read (obituary, January 22) of the death of Gerry Mulligan - one of a handful of instantly identifiable white jazz players in the music's history.

Your obituarist made one comment with which I cannot agree, that "most great jazz artists have matured only in their fifties". I seem to remember Thelonius Monk, asked about the precocious talent of the then young Keith Jarrett, replying: "If you ain't no good when you're 19, you ain't never gonna be no good."

But then again, so few jazz masters have barely made it into their thirties and forties (Ayler, Brown, Coltrane, Dolphy ... and on through the alphabet) that we'll never know.

Despite the legacy of their recordings, the music really does die with these people. I wonder whether any jazz musician now under 40 will merit so much obituary space in 20 or 30 years' time.

Yours faithfully, NICK SOLOMON. Harpheids, Burford, Tenbury Wells. Hereford and Worcester. January 23.

The three-part review, presented in December 1994, was internal to the Department of Health. Many departmental officers cootributed to its findings. There is a textual commentary, the detail of the analysis of the data collected, and a purchaser guidance text to assist those who have to organ-

ise and purchase renal services. While at no time were assurances sought by me that the review itself would be published, departmental of-

Risk to game shooting From Mr Allan W. Berry

ficers have been considering whether

Sir, Mr Leolin Price, QC (letter, Jan-uary IS), suggests that officials from the Brussels Commission should be dismissed for banning the drug Em-tryl and that those Ministry of Agri-culture officers who failed to block the proposed legislation should meet a similar fate.

His letter concludes that nothing should have stopped our Government from exercising power to protect our. interest.

The decision to ban the use of dimetridazole (Embryl), a treatment for protozoan parasite infestation of game birds, was taken after considering scientific advice that the mutagenic and carcinogenic properties of the drug were such that a safe minimum residue level could not be set. The UK claimed otherwise.

The suggestion in your report (January 13) that the ban could wipe out about 10 million birds indicates that most of our game bird industry, like many other facets of our society, is drug-dependent.

Heavy losses from parasite infestation usually result from overstocking. This may be the real root of the prob-

Turning a blind eye, as the Government seems to be proposing to do, to criminal drug-misuse may result in contaminated exports being rejected as unfit for human consumption. Such Euro-dodging could reasonably be regarded as a manifestation of greed and irresponsibility, rather than the protection of the UK interest.

Yours sincerely, ALLAN W. BERRY, Nurses House. Cannich, Beauly, Inverness-shire. January 21.

that the department will shortly be able to issue the purchasing guidance, so that bealth authorities and trusts can reflect it in their plans for 1996-97 and beyond.

This will be of reassurance to patients, to their families and to those who have to care for them. It will provide a clear message that the department has been aware of a problem in managing renal disease in the United Kingdom, and has been prepared to address the issue and to take steps to put matters right.

Yours sincerely, NETAR MALLICK (Consultant physician), Manchester Royal Infirmary Department of Renal Medicine. Oxford Road, Manchester 13. January 23.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset and East Devon (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir. The Emtryl saga is a good illus-tration of how the European Commission can pass legislation and override the Council of Ministers (who represent the member states) through the "comitology procedure" - Eurospeak for action by committees of national "experts", including some from the UK.

The relevant committee in the case of Emtryl was not convinced that the scientific evidence justified a ban. Nor was the Council of Ministers. Unfortunately, the latter failed to reject the Commission proposal for a ban by the requisite "qualified majority". So, the Commission was able to ban Emtryl алуwау.

The way in which the Commission is able to pass legislation using pow-ers delegated to it by the Council of Ministers should worry all who are concerned about the "democratic deficit" in Brussels. The European Parliament has no control over EC delegated legislation. Nor does the House of Commons. Yet in Brussels, as in Whitehall, it is the "devil in the detail" of secondary legislation which causes all the problems.

Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY (Conservative spokesman on economic and monetary affairs), Bureau 827. Van Maerlant, European Parliament 97-113 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels.

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Frogs and paraquat From Dr David A. Evans

Sir, You report (early editions, January 17) that paraquat has been identified as a possible cause of the worldwide decline in frog numbers. This refers to US research which showed that tadpoles were affected when forced in the laboratory to feed exclusively on aquatic weed killed by paraquat.

Paraquat is not used for weed control in water in the UK and USA and, when used for weed control on land. cannot leach into water as it locks on to clay particles in the soil. Any paraquat entering water from airborne spray drift would be at concentrations 100-1,000 times lower than that used

in the US research. Loss of habitat, such as farm ponds and marshlands, is probably the main factor affecting frog populations in this country. English Nature's initiative to focus attention on the role of the garden pond could provide valuable alternative habitats. Whatever the cause of the decline, it cannot be paraquat, since there is no significant exposure of the frog population to this herbicide.

Yours faithfully, DAVID A. EVANS (Research & Development Director), Zeneca Agrochemicals, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey. January 24.

Standing for gallantry From Mr David Hide

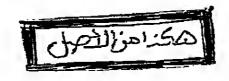
Sir, Did not the amply-proportioned Hilaire Belloc proudly proclaim: "I give up my seat on the bus to two ladies ?? (letters, January 20, 24).

Yours more modestly. DAVID HIDE, 24 Towers Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne.

From Mr A. J. C. Saunders

Sir. The lady to whom I recently surrendered my seat on a bus said, a few stops later: "I'm sorry, I thought you wanted to get off." I assured her that at my age (83) I did not, but I thanked her for the compliment.

Yours faithfully. A. J. C. SAUNDERS, 32 Manor Wood Road, Purley, Surrey.





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM, NORFOLK January 28: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning. The Bishop of Blackburn preached the Sermon.

By Command of The Queen, the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) was present al Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the United Mexican States and Señora Zedillo and welcomed His Exbehalf of Her Majesty. ST JAMES'S PALACE January 28: The Prince of Wales, Vice President, the National Trust, this evening joined Mrs Rosemary Verey in delivering a Lecture about

Birthdays today

Dr R.C. Alston, bibliographer, 63; Dr KC. Alston, bibliographer, o.; Mr Malcohn Binns, concert planist, 60; Mr Leslie Bricusse, composer and lyricist, 65; Major-General Sir George Burns, 85; Mr Peter Byrne, actor, 68; Lord Clyde, 4: Or Alec Coppen, psychiatrist, 64: Or Alec Coppen, psychiatrist, 76: the Right Rev Charles Fiz-gerald-Lombard, Abbot of Down-side, 55: Mr John Gallagher, rugby league player, 32: Dr Germaine Green withow St. Lond Common. Greer, author, 57; Lord Gregson, 72; Professor F.R. Hartley, Vice-Chancellor, Cranfield University, 54; Mr Paul Hodder-Williams, publisher, 86; Earl Howe, 45; Mr John Junkin, actor and writer, 66; Mr Sean Kerly, hockey player, 36; Mrs Margaret Laird, Third Church Estates Commissioner, 63; Lord Lane of Horsell, 71; Mr Michael Mavor, Head Master, Rugby School, 49: Mr Richard Needham, MP, 54: Mr James Nicholson, MEP, 51: Mr Andy Roberts, cricketer, 45; Professor Abdus Salam, theoretical physi-cist, 70; Mr Tom Selleck, actor, 51; CIST, 70; Mr Tom Selleck, actor, 51; Mr Raman Subba Row, former chairman, Test and Couory Cricket Board, 64; Viscount Tonypandy, 87; Mr Brian Trubshaw, former test pilot, 72; Mr Israel Wetrin, managing direc-tor Elevant 40 Ior. Elonex, 49.

The Countess of Denbigh and Desmond

The Countess of Denbigh and Desmond, following the marriage of her son, the Earl of Denbigh and Desmond, on January 27, 1996. will be known as the Dowager Countess of Denbigh and Desmond.

Dinner

British Invisibles British Invisibles were the hosts at a dinner held last night attache Savoy Hosel in honour of Mr Ernesto Zedillo, President of Mexico. Among those present were: Mr Andrew Buxion, Mr Leopold de Rothschild, Mr Nicholas Baring, Mr Hessel Lindenbergh, Mr Herman van der wyck, Mr Adalf Turner, Mr Paul Zuckerman, Mr William Tudor John,

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the garden al Highgrove House in Susan Cunningham and Mrs Pataid of the National Trust in the ricia Browne, daughters, gave readings. Lord Cooke of Island-reagh paid tribute. Peak District, followed by 8 Reception at the Button Opera House, Derbyshire. The Ves Peter Eliot KENSINGTON PALACE A service of thanksgiving for the Ven Peter Charles Eliot was held January 28: The Duke of Glouceson Saturday in Worcester Cathe-dral. The Archdeacon of Worcester ter, Trustee, the British Museum, this afternoon received the Presiofficiated, assisted by the Ven J.C. Williams who led the act of dent of the United Mexican States (His Excellency Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon) at the British Museum, London WCL thanksgiving. and Mr James Asher read from John Bunyan's The Pilgrin's YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE January 28: The Duchess of Kent this evening presented the Evening Standard British Film Awards, at The Bishop of Worcester pro-

nounced the blessing. Professor T. Brooke Benjamin the Savoy Hotel, London WC2. Today's royal

Professor T. Brooke Benjamin A memorial service for Professor T. Brooke Benjamin, Sedieian Professor of Nanrral Philosophy at Oxford, was held on Sanrday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin. The Rev Peter Southwell, Chaplain of The Queen's College, officiated. Dr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost. Professor Partick Riley gave read-ings. Professor David Crighton gave an address. engagements The Princess of Wales will attend a luncheon given by the Association of American Correspondents in London al Brown's Hotel at 12.30, gave an address.

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Ivan Ewart, business

man and charity worker, was held yesterday at the Church of St Malachy, Hillsborough, County Down, Canon John Dinnen offici-sted. Sir Michael Ewart, son, Mrs

Mr Peter Asher read the lesson

Sir Ivan Ewart

ematician, Groningen, 1700; Thomas Paine, radical and writer, Thetford, Norfolk, 1737; Henry Neele, poet, London, 1798; Sir James Outram, general, Bulterley Hall, Derbyshire, 1803; William McKinley, 25th American Presi-dent 1897-1901, Niles, Ohio, 1843; University news Onford, Magdales College To a fixed-term fellowship in English (for five years from Ocn-ber 1, 1996): Susan Jennifer Hitch, MA.

Sir Ebenezer Howard, pioneer of garden cities, London, 1850; Anton Chekhov, playwright, Tagarov, Russia, 1860; Frederick Delius, composer, Bradford, 1862; Romain Rolland, novelist, Nobel laureate

Essex

1915, Clamecy, France, 1866; Vi-cente Blasco Ibáñez, writer and politician, Valencia, 1867; Havergal Brian, composer, Dresden, Staffordshire, 1876; W.C. Fields, actor and comedian, Philadelphia,

may have been wrongly located by archaeologists.

cemeteries excavated more than a century ago suggests that the Irish capital began more than a mile further upstream on the Liffey. A monastery was taken over and turned into an

bridge and Kilmainham, on the western outskirts of the Georgian city, were found when gravel digging and railway construction took place in the mid-19th century. They yielded spectacular finds of weapons and ornaments, so similar to Viking goods from Scandinavia that watercolour paintings were

given to the national museum in Copenhagen. The exact findspots have long remained obscure. However Elizabeth O'Brien has now recovered information from official files and railway records that shows the existence of two distinct burial grounds, both on a prominent gravel ridge and one adjacent to a monastic site.

Both proved to contain pagan Viking and also native Christian graves; the Viking grave goods dated the burials to the later 9th century, coeval with the Villing longphort or trading settlement known to have existed between AD 841 and 902

"It would seem unlikely that the occupants of a longphort at the Liffey-Poddle confluence [where the centre of medieval Dublin lies] would have been prepared to travel at least a mile upstream, probably through hostile territory, to bury their dead," Ms O'Brien says in Archaeology Ireland.

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similar logistical advantages, Ms

the city's later prosperity. The earlier phase of Viking penetra-

Source: Archaeology Ireland Vol 9

Forthcoming Marriages marriages

Mr S.L. Rerve Tucker and Miss L.M. Barran

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and SI Thomas More. Chelsea, of Mr Stephen Reeve-Tucker, fourth son of the lare Lieutenant-Colonel T.S.W. Reeve-Tucker and of Mrs Reeve-Tucker, of Ross-on-Wye, to Miss Lalage Barran, younger daughter of Sir David and Lady Barran, of of Sir Lavid and Lavy Darran, of Kensington Square, London, Father Patrick Nolan, Dom Antony Sutch and Dom Philip Jebb officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Emily and Cosmo Barran, Lactioa Lucy, Camilla Millard, Casimir Owen-Ed-munds, Oliver Posgate, Arabella Reeve-Tucker, Clementine Reeve-Tucker, Olivia and Alexander Reeve-Tucker, Jessica Vernon and Oswald Woloshyn. Mr Robert Finlayson was best man.

A reception was held at the Duke of York's Headquarters and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr C. Howe

and Miss A. Lancaster

The marriage look place quietly on Saturday, January 27. at St Mary's, Bourne Street, London, between Mr Christopher Howe and Miss Alison Lancaster. Father Bill Scott officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Iain McQuiston, was attended by Holly, Frederick and Edward Howe. Mr Peter Hodsoil was best man

Latest wills

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result of research. Writing in the same

special Viking issue of Archaeology Ireland. John Bradley of University

College Dublin notes that place names

such as Smerwick, runestones and

burials document a series of short-

lived settlements as far away as

Galway and Kerry in the far south-

Belfast, is at Lonchort Harbour, on

Bere Island-in western Cork. Under-

water survey by the Belfast archaeolo-

gists revealed a stone breakwater and

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team.

Mr Michael Barrie Goulden, of Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands, left estate valued at E191,276 net. He left all his estate to the charity known as the Crystal Group, Browns Brocks Cottage, Fairwarp, Ucklietd, East Susser.

Mrs Margorie Martin. Burnham, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,020,177 net. After personal bequests she left thef. residue equally between the RSPCA, National Trust, RSPB. International League for the Protection of Horses, RNID, RNIB and RUKBA.

Mrs Francis Martin Payne, of Poole, Dorset, left estate valued at E6,923,096 net.

Mr Harry Ridehalgh, of London SW6, former senior partner in the international consulting engineers, Sir William Halcrow and Partners, left estate valued at EL 482.621 net.

Mr Leo Frederick Leffman, of London NW8, left estate valued at E3.160.958 net

Among several bequests he left 2550,000 to the Jewish Bilnd Society and £100,000 equally between Baltersea Dogs Home, the National Canine Defence League and Blue Cross.

Mr David Harry Wills, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, left estate val-ued at £5,762,544 net. Other estates include Incl. before The most recent discovery, by a joint team from the universities in Cork and

Mrs Sheila Valerie Bonsor, of Tring, Herts £1.210,180 Mr George Lane Hooson, of

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100 "It seems much more likely that the burials represent Vikings living in that tion of Ireland, bet recorded raid in AD 795 and the abandonment of the Dublin longphort area in the 9th century. in 902, has now begun to emerge as the

Viking usurpation of monastic establishments is well-known from England: in AD 873-4 they took over the Repton monastery on the Trent and fortified it, turning the church into a blockhouse. The Kilmainham monastery enclosure, and the Islandbridge ford across the Liffey no doubt offered

O'Brien argues. The walled town of Dublin was not founded until AD 917, as one of a series of Viking urban centres that included Cork. Limerick, and Waterford; excavations in the 1970s at the famous Wood Quay site uncovered dozens of houses and well-preserved artefacts, close to Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin Castle, the most visible signs of

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DEATHS: Robert Sanderson, Bishop of Lincoln 1660-63, Buckden, Huntingdon, 1663, King George III, reigned 1760-1820, Windsor, 1820; Edward Lear, poet Windsor, ISZU; Edward Lear, poet and artist, San Remo, Italy, 1888; Alfred Sisley, painter, Monet-sur-Loing, 1899; Douglas Haig, Ist Earl Haig, field marshal, London, 1928; James Bridie (Osborne Henry Mavor), dramatist, Edin-burgh, 1951; Henry Louis Mencken, writer, Baltimore,

Maryland, 1956; Fritz Kreisler. violinist, New York, 1962; Robert Frost, poet, Boston, Massachu-setts, 1963; Jimmy Durante, actor and comedian, California, 1980. The Victoria Cross was instituted Desert Island Discs was first broadcast by the BBC, 1942

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The Duke of Edinburgh facing s chilly journey home from Sandringham Church yesterday

Researchers rethink clues to Dublin's Viking past

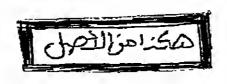
BY NORMAN HAMMOND ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

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WING COMMANDER RODERICK LEAROYD, VC

Wing Commander Roderick Wing Commander Kotterick Learoyd, VC, one of the last three surviving RAF holders of the Victoria Cross. died on January 24 aged 82. He was born on February 5, 1913.

"BABE" LEAROYD, as the RAF knew him, won his VC for conspicuous gallantry during a bombing raid on the Dortmund-Ems Canal in 1940. The the Dortmund-Ems Canal m 1940. The skill and courage he had displayed while flying his Hampden aircraft through heavy ground-fire at low altitude, had already come 10 the anention of 49 Squadron long before his most famous mission on the night of August 12, 1940, in the year of the Bartle of British and of Dunkirk Battle of Britain and of Dunkirk.

His citation in the London Gazette described how Acting Flight Lieutendetailed to attack a special objective on the canal, which he had targeted once already on a previous sortie. He was, therefore, only too well aware of the risks entailed.

In order to achieve maximum suc- cess. it was necessary to make his approach from a direction well known to the enemy, through a "lane" of carefully sited anti-aircraft batteries. The enemy was able to respond with devastating fire power from pointblank range. The reception given to the preceding aircraft. "night well have deterred the stoutest heart," read the citation. All machines had been hit by the enemy and two bad been lost. His . own bomber was repeatedly hit and iarge chunks torn away from the fuse as Flight Lieutenant Learoyd laid his attack at 150ft above the guns, half blinded by the glare of the German searchlights directed on to

han from close range. It was his resolution in pressing home his successful attack against such odds that earned for Learoyd the country's highest award for gallantry. Although himself wounded in the raid. he subsequently brought his wrecked aircraft home. As the landing flaps were not working and the undercarriage indicators were also out of action. he had to wait until dawn in the skies above his home airfield before being

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able to land. Even so, he eventually accomplished this without injury to his crew or inflicting further damage on the bomber.

The high degree of courage, skill and determination which this officer had invariably displayed on many occasions in the face of the enemy, sets an example which is unsurpassed," the citation ended. Yet, although the RAF later used him to go round Britain on a morale-boosting tour during the dark-

est days of the war, Learoyd was a shy, unassuming man who rarely talked much about his exploits over Germany.

Born at Folkestone, Kent, Roderick Alastair Brook Learoyd was the son of a major in the Highland Light Infantry who had served in the First World War. But the family had both a Yorkshire and Scottish background and at one time was involved in the Yorkshire textile industry.

On leaving Wellington College, Rod — as the family knew him — went to work for a while for an uncle who owned a fruit farm in Argentina. On returning home from there in 1936, however, he took a short service commission in the RAF. He, therefore, found himself immediately swept up by the outbreak of the Second World

On being demobilised in 1945, Learoyd served for a while in Malaya as a pilot for the Governor of the then British colony. He then worked at Heathrow for a while before joining the British Motor Corporation (BMC). with whom he remained for the rest of his working life. He was sent to work for the company at one time in the United States, returning to serve in various capacities in this country.

At one time he was the head of its fleet sales, particularly to government departments. At another he was in-volved in the company's public rela-tions division and throughout his time with BMC he was repeatedly used as an unofficial ambassador. His natural charm and his wartime reputation made him highly valued by senior managers in Birmingham as a front man overseas.

In private life, as well as professionally. Learoyd had a lifelong passion for cars, particularly for Aston Martins. He regularly attended the Le Mans 24hour race and was also a frequent visitor to Silverstone. He was a keen golfer in his younger days.

Learoyd, whose portrait hangs in the Imperial War Museum, was an active member of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, regularly attending its dinners and receptions in London. He went to last year's VE-Day celebrations in London when he was driven around the arena in a Rolls-Royce. But he suffered increasingly from diabetes, which affected his sight in his later years and forced him

to give up driving himself. Rod Learoyd, who died suddenly from a heart attack, was a tall, gentle man, well liked in the area of West Sussex where he lived. He never married and is survived by one brother and a sister.

Dr Robert Weir, CB, Chief Medical Officer. Northern Ireland, 1978-86, died on January 7 aged 67. He was born on October 29, 1928.

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ROBERT WEIR was the head of the Government's medical service in Northern Ireland during the IRA hunger strikes in 1981 when ten men starved themselves to death in the Maze Prison. That the prison medical service should have maintained its standard of professional integrity and continued to treat prisoners and their families as patients and the relatives of patients was in no small way due to the courage and independence of mind of the Chief Medical Chief Medical Officer, a post he was to hold unril his Officer

His main achievement as Chief Medical Officer was to Bob Weir was born into a farming family in Co London-derry and he never lost his forge links between the professional and the administrative sides of the department and between the department and the medical profession. He countryman's common sense. Educated at Rianey Endowed School, Magherafelt, he entered Trinity College Dublin in 1945 taking degrees in arts and medicine. He graduated with a first in 1951 and, after was unquestionably the leader of the profession in Northern Ireland, respected by his colleagues for his own clinical experience and trusted by postgraduate studies in cardiology with Professor Frank them to express their concerns Pantridge in Belfast, he beat the highest level of governcame MD with a gold medal ment. Equally, he could be depended upon to give his views honestly. His advice carried a weight of authority in 1955.

A brilliant career beckoned as a cardiologist. But he elected instead for general and an intellectual coherence which could not be practice in Newry, where his diagnostic skill and compasdiscounted. sion made him a much loved figure in the rural community. Deputy Chief Medical Officer. into the debate and ensured and in 1978 was appointed greater understanding of both



retirement at the end of 1986.

sides. He also pioneered a more radonal approach to hospital development and the location of major services. His role as Chief Medical Officer meant that he was the principal source of medical advice to all departments in Northern Ireland. This advice was critical in dealing with issues as disparate as the effect of listeria on the dairy industry, or salmonella on poultry farming and the fallout from Chernobyl on sheep farming in Co Antrim, asbestosis or the onset of Aids.

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But his greatest contribu-oon to public service may well have been his professional responsibility for the prison medical service at a time when very serious questions were being raised about the treatment of prisoners. There were visits of inspection, during his period in office, from the International Red Cross, Amnesty and other Human Rights organisations. Throughout all this he faced

many moral, ethical and political dilemmas, and worked under considerable personal stress. He deals sensitively and decisively with the un-precedented problems of the hunger strikers, and of the need for medical supervision in police holding centres where allegations of ill treatment were commonplace. He was appointed CB in

1984. On his retirement in 1986, despite failing health, he undertook part-time medical assessment work, addressing the problems of occupational diseases and the emergence of new threats such as BSE. He is survived by his wife

June (nee Shuttleworth), whom he married in 1955, and by one son and two daughters.

WILFRED FAIRCLOUGH

Weir worked hard to make

Wilfred Fairclongh. painter-etcher and watercolourist, died on January 8 aged 88. He was born on June 13, 1907.

WILFRED FAIRCLOUGH lived for his work and only ceased etching in the year of his death, an extraordinary demonstration of his stamina and application. He exhibited his etchings as a member of the Royal Society of Painter-



Professor Sylvia Lawler, geneticist, died on January 17 aged 74. She was born on January 15, 1922.

SYLVIA LAWLER was a pioneer in mapping the human genome, and the first woman professor of the Institute of Cancer Research, 1980-87, at the Royal Marsden Hospital. There she introduced the new techniques of tissue typing (which provided the basis on which transplant surgery. chniques were based)

red cell membranes carried many different genetically determined systems which could be detected by immunological methods. Lawler was responsible for the study of normal families and of families with Inherited abnormalities, which provided a solid genetical foundation for this work. In 1949 Lawler was invited by L.S. Penrose to join the Galton Laboratory at University College London, the first t of human gene

vital clinical significance, were not unique, but rather that the

PROFESSOR SYLVIA LAWLER

Her interests in the genetics

of malignancy were wide, including such diverse potentially pre-malignant conditions as myelodysplasia (an abnormality of the bone marrow) and molar pregnancy (an abnormality of the placenta which can lead to malignant

tumour). As bead of a department which combined immunoge-netics and cytogenetics, she Printmakers (formerly Painter-Etchers & Engravers) for more than sixty years. Annu-ally, and as late as last developed the scientific basis for the Royal Marsden Hospi-tal's pioneering work with summer, whole editions of his prints sold out at the Royal marrow transplants, rec-Academy during the private views, an indication of the ognising early on the essential part these sciences have in this regard in which his followers courageous treatment for leukaemia and other haematoheld him. logic conditions. Starting life with no advan-She was regarded with aftages, Wilfred Fairclough was fection by her staff, in whom born in the Lancashire town of she took a personal interest. Her extensive knowledge and Blackburn, where he left school at 14 to work in a mill. international reputation at-After the mill failed, he trained tracted numerous overseas as an audit clerk in a local accountancy firm, while atvisitors to her department and tending evening classes at the there are many today in Britain and around the world Blackburn School of Arts and whose medical work owes Crafts. He performed well in much to her encouragement. his day job but determined to She was a founder member pursue his interest in art by going in for the Board of Education's drawing exami-(and later Fellow) of the Royal College of Pathologists and was elected a Fellow of the nation, which he passed in Royal College of Physicians. 1930. That same year he was Her major contributions to all appointed to a part-time teaching job at the Blackburn School of Arts and Crafts. six international workshops on chromosomes in leukaemia were evidence of her determ-From there through his own ination to discover the signifidogged determination, encance of acquired chromocouraged by his future wife some abnormalities in this Joan Vernon Cryer who had disease. come to the same school as a On her retirement she was student-teacher, he managed to gain entry to the Royal appointed Emeritus Professor College of Arts' Engraving of Human Genetics at the School. There he excelled, Institute of Cancer Research completing the graduate course in 1934 and being and she continued to contribute both to collaboraove studies of the long-term survivors elected an Associate of the of leukaemia, and to efforts to Royal Society of Painter-Etchimprove the diagnosis and ers & Engravers at the early age of 26. Even more to the treatment of women with trophoblastic tumours. point, he was at the same time Her marriage to Laurie awarded the society's Rome Lawler was dissolved in 1976 scholarship. Thus began a lifetime love and she married Professor Kenneth Bagshawe in 1977. affair with Italy, first with division of design from 1970 10 She is survived by her hus-Rome and later with Venice. band and a son by her first His watercolours and prints 1972. marriage. began to show an increasing ROBERT BURNS. ON THIS DAY (BY TELEGRAPH.)

politicians aware of the con-In 1963 he joined the Medicerns of the profession, and to cal Referee Service and quick-by moved to the policy and planning staff of the then Ministry of Health and Social convey to his professional colleagues the stark realities of public expenditure. His network of speciality advisory Services. In 1972 he became committees brought clinicians

cytogenetics (the direct examination of chromosomes). Earlier. in the immediate postwar years, she made a substantial contribution at University College London. An only child, Sylvia Doro-

thy Corben, as she was known before marriage, qualified in medicine with distinction at University College London in 1945. She was clearly destined for a research career and

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Yesterday afternoon a statue of Robert Burns subscribed for by the working classes of Scotland, and erected in one of the principal squares of Glasgow, was unveiled by Lord Houghton. The event awakened great enthu-siasm throughout the country, and advantage was taken of the occasion for a grand demonstration in honour of the memory of Scotland's greatest bard. There was a great trades' procession, which marched through the streets accompanied by instrumental bands playing appropriate music. The city was crowded with visitors, the greatest contingent being from Ayrshire, Burns's native county, and in Glasgow and the neighbouring towns a general holyday was observed ...

Lord HOUGHTON said he was commissioned by the Lord Provost and the committee of the subscribers to that national memorial to unveil the statue of Robert Burns. They would bear in the report of that committee under what interesting and honourable circum-stances it was there raised and presented. The few words he had to say would relate to the meaning and importance of that ceremony. Before the use of books, the erection of images of good and great men in stone or metal was



interest in figures, often displaying wit and keen observa-

tion in their execution. A career in teaching followed his return to England. Fairclough obtained part-time work at Kingston School of Art and at the North London Polytechnic as a drawing instructor. He continued to produce prints of great sensitivity and power, gaining commis-sions and exhibiting regularly at the Royal Society of Painter-

Printmakers and at the Royal Academy. In 1951 he won the Leverhulme Research award, which enabled him to visit Italy for the first time since his tenure of the Rome scholarship - Venice providing him with particular inspiration. He returned from this sabbarical to become Principal of the Kingston College of Art. With the subsequent changes in art education, he spent his last two teaching years as assistant director of Kingston Polytechnic and head of the

January 26, 1877

It is a great tribute to a man when a city observes a holiday in his memory. There will be festive gatherings around this statue on July 21, the day of Robert Burns' death in 1796

the only means by which their personality, and in a great degree the memory of their deeds and characters, could be preserved. In

this custom and art the ancient Greeks and

the Romans, whose dominion stretched into Scotland itself, were most noted and success-

ful: and thus it was that we were more

familiar with the names and characters of illustrious men who lived in those far times

than we were with those of many who in more recent periods had equally guided the destinies of the world and the thoughts of

men. Nor after the birth of modern literature

was this method of linking together the minds and generations of men without a signal effect. Even now, when literature had become

popular, where a wide and generous edu-

bly his most productive period as an artist. Having produced almost 80 etchings in the period up to 1972, he nearly doubled that number in the last two decades of his life, with the quality constantly improving. His subjects were both landscapes and figurative compositions, etched in copper and printed on paper in his own hand.

In watercolours, one of his most important projects was "Recording Britain" a scheme organised by the Pilgrim Trust. For this he carried out nearly 60 watercolours of Britain, particularly concentrating on the Petersham area during the Second World War. These are now deposited in a variety of collections, including the Victoria and Albert Museum. Other works are in collections at the Briosh Museum, the Ashmolean Museum and the Arts Council. He became an Associate of the Royal Watercolour Society in 1961 and a Fellow in 1968. Wilfred Fairclough is sur-

vived by his wife Ann and a There then followed probason and a daughter.

> cation had enabled every class to learn the story of the past and the circumstances of the lives of statesmen, warriors, artists, inventors, and poets and other men of tetters, they did not the less desire to look upon the all but living representations of what they were when upon earth, and 10 clothe them with their admiration, reverence and love. To those present, the figure he was about to reveal would be nothing new or strange. It would be the recognition of a friend of their childhood, the greeting of one of whom the memory was ever fresh, and with whom their associations were ever dear ...

This, their friend and poet, would look with kindly and grateful eves for generations to come on the tides of men who would traverse the busy streets of that multitudinous city. From him they would learn a lesson hardly taught by the images of the leaders of armies or rulers of nations, yet one of which Scotland might well be proud; for through his difficult, and may be, faulty life, he never lost the manly endurance, the simplicity of manners, the spirit of fraternity she ever taught to her sons, and which had enabled them to ge conquering, and still to conquer, in the battle of material life, in the conflicts of intelligence and skill, and to spread to the farthest confines of our earth the name and fame of Robert Burns

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Primary school results condemned

School test results showing that more than half of all II-yearolds are not up to standard in English and mathematics provoked a storm over primary school teaching yesterday.

Tony Blair branded the results appalling. John Major described them as disappointing and education experts demanded a return to more traditional teaching methods. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, conceded that the standards of attainment were not good enough ... Pages 1. 6. 7

Publisher drops lan Smith memoirs

The long-awaited memoirs of lan Smith, Rhodesia's last Prime Minister, have been dropped by HarperCollins because he insisted on describing his successor, Robert Mugabe and his guerilla army, as terrorists. Mr Smith is to offer The GreatPage 1 Betrayal to other London publishing houses

Winter returns

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Garden of Eden

Cornish valley

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nomic policy, renewing fears about the Kremlin's commitment

to economic reformy Page 11

Pilot Baba, a Hindu holy man,

crawled unsteadily out of the

ground four days after being

"buried alive" and took his first

breath for 96 hours Page 12

President Jiang Zemin of China is

moving his country away from

reform - and has changed his

Western lounge suit for a tradi-

tional Mao suit Page 13

Conservative dress

The Eden Project. a £105 million

scheme for a kilometre-long artificial world containing rain for-

ests, subtropical gardens and a

descrt, is being planned for a

Hillary's high noon

...... Page 5

Heavy snow and freezing temperatures disrupted air, rail and road traffic across Britain. The London weather centre said the wintry conditions would continue into next week Page 1

Today given out

Cricket is to bounce Radio 4's Today from the early morning airwaves next month. Live coverage of the World Cup matches in India will replace the programme on Long Wave Page I

Major mends fences

John Major acted to heal a serious rift in Anglo-Irish relations triggered by his backing for an elected body in Northern Ireland to take forward the quest for peacePages 2. 17

Unlawful killing

A Nigerian asylum seeker who died after a struggle with police as he was arrested was unlawfully killed. an inquest jury unanimously decidedPage 3

Policeman jalled

A former police sergeant with an exemplary 24-year career was jailed for seven years for seeking a £30,000 bribe to help to "nobhie" an Old Bailey jury Page 3

Brock shock

Farmers want to resume culling bagders because the population has risen. MPs are to debate new legislation extending wild animals' protectionPage 4

Jew ostracised over divorce

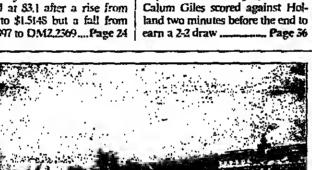
THE PARTY IN LOT & ST. C.

A painting of the Cabinet of Hendrick Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid, who is seen standing, second right, being removed from the South African Parliament building in Cape Town yesterday. It will be replaced by a UN anti-apartheid exhibition

The media will be out in force for an unprecedented sight - America's proud First Lady arriving Electricity: The industry is considering spending several million under subpoena at a Washington federal courthouse to testify about pounds a year on an extensive advertising campaign to spruce up its Page 9 image Bosnia cold shoulder The two Serbs who were so prominent in prolonging the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina are being nine years .. shunned by all Nato commanders implementing the Dayton Page 10 Kremlin appointment A controversial industrialist was appointed to head Russia's eco-

Belling scandal: The disgraced solicitor at the centre of the Belling pension fund affair was jailed for Page 21 nvestor: Kevin Leech, who put 550,000 into ML Laboratories in 1987, cashed in £55 million of shares. His remaining 54 per cent personal stake in the company is worth £353 million Page 21 Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 24.0 points to 3734.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index was unchanged at \$3.1 after a rise from \$1.5130 to \$1.5145 but a fall from DM2.2397 to DM2.2369 Page 24

BUSINESS



Arts At SPORT Tennis: Monica Seles will meet A husband's pride: "When the hist-Paws for a record: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Cats passes ory of maternal or political courage Anke Huber in the women's singles final at the Australian Open. Seles another milestone of Monday is written there will be a chapter headed Harriet Harman: No when it becomes the longest-runwords can express my admiration for her courage." Jack Dromey ning musical in history Page 29 Fours of destiny: The Emerson talks about his wife to Valerie String Quartet has opened its cycle Grove of all the Beethoven quartets in stunning style at the Queen Elizabeth Hall.Page 29 A star is born? Reviewing Scottish Opera's La Traviata. Rodney Milnes hails the emergence of Claire Rutter as a "hugely gifted continental peers young soprano"Page 29 Pop on Friday: David Sinclair on Hockey: Great Britain took a big the sudden rise to international step towards the Olympics when fame of the Kentucky-born singer Joan Osborne; Caitlin Moran on the weird "post-rock" music of Tor-

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Anglo-Irish Angst Elections will eventually determine Northern Ireland's future. The sooner the people of the Province have a chance to speak, the betterPage 17

German gloom

Germany is living off past success and no amount of market rigging will avoid the need for painful conomic readjustments Page 17 Trumps for all

Our new bridge competition will add to the gaiety of nations, the revenues of the National Trust, and the profits of those who dare to bid up to the limits of their hands, and even beyond ----- Page IT

STATES CONTRACTORS

PETER STOTHARD Today is the tenth anniversary of our first full day at Wapping. Now, the office of The Times seems a perfectly plausible place for a newspaper to be, but a decade ago it did .Page 16 not.

EDUCATION **BERNARD LEVIN**

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Which? - the splendid, ironclad, Beyond slogans: Denis MacShane on the real education issues behind the Harman affair - and why English children lag behind their Page 33

FASHION Divine haute couture: In an outstanding week of Paris collections.

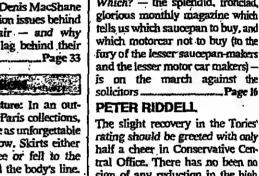
few moments were as unforgettable as the Chanel show. Skirts either skimmed the knee or fell to the floor. Jackets held the body's line. Everything fitted like a glove. Iain R. Webb reports _____ Page 14

THE REPORT

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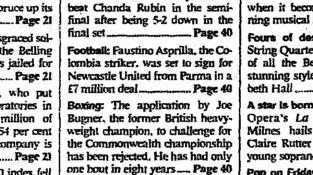
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mander: Professor Sylvia Lawler, geneticist; Dr Robert Weir, Chief Medical Officer, Northern Ireland, 1978-86: Wilfred Fairclough little : watercolourist Page 19 Send .---C 3) Selective schools; rabies; dialysis ER. game shooting. .. Page 17 in the **王**王 1



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Moses David, of northwest London, an unemployed former computer analyst, has become the first man in Britain to be officially ostracised by the Jewish community over his refusal to divorce his wife. The sanction, delivered by the Federation of Synagogues Beth Din, a Jewish court, prohibits Orthodox Jews from eating, drinking or sitting within six feet of him ... Page 1



FOOD AND DRINK Frances Bissell's winter soups and salads; Jane MacQuitty on burgundy for novices

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